

---

# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

---

## *Department of Children and Families Quarterly Report*

*Fiscal Year 2012*

*4<sup>th</sup> Quarter*

4/1/2012 – 6/30/2012

Angelo McClain, Ph.D., LICSW  
Commissioner

**Prepared by:**

**Antone C. Felix, Data Analyst**

**Walter E. Taylor, Information Specialist**

**Office of Management, Planning & Analysis**

**Rosalind M. Walter, Director**

**Data Management/Quality Assurance Unit**

**Information Technology Division**

**March 2013**



## TABLE OF CONTENTS

SECTION	PAGE
	<b>PREFACE.....1</b>
<b>I.</b>	<b>CONSUMER AND CASE COUNTS .....1</b>
	<b>A. Consumers in Placement .....2</b>
	<b>B. Children Not in Placement .....2</b>
<b>II.</b>	<b>CASE AND CONSUMER OPENINGS .....5</b>
<b>III.</b>	<b>CHILD MALTREATMENT .....8</b>
	<b>A. Reports .....8</b>
	<b>B. Investigation and Initial Assessment Responses.....9</b>
	<b>    Initial Assessments .....9</b>
	<b>    Investigations.....9</b>
	<b>C. District Attorney (DA) Referrals .....13</b>
<b>IV.</b>	<b>CONSUMER DEMOGRAPHICS.....17</b>
	<b>A. Age, Gender, and Race of All Consumers.....17</b>
	<b>B. Preferred Language of All Consumers.....21</b>
<b>V.</b>	<b>PROFILE OF CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT.....23</b>
	<b>A. Demographics of Consumers in Placement .....27</b>
	<b>B. Permanency Goals of Consumers in Placement and     Time in Continuous Placement.....29</b>
	<b>C. Relationship of Age, Race, and Type of Placement to     Time in Continuous Placement.....33</b>
	<b>D. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption .....36</b>
	<b>E. Foster and Congregate Care .....42</b>
	<b>F. Independent Living .....54</b>
	<b>G. Children in Kinship Placement .....56</b>
<b>VI.</b>	<b>CONSUMERS ENTERING AND LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER.....59</b>
	<b>A. Entries to Placement .....59</b>
	<b>B. Exits from Placement .....61</b>
<b>VII.</b>	<b>FOSTER HOME DEMOGRAPHICS .....62</b>
<b>VIII.</b>	<b>ADOPTION AND GUARDIANSHIP SUBSIDIES .....65</b>
<b>IX.</b>	<b>APPENDIX .....66</b>

## CONTENTS

TABLE/FIGURE	PAGE
--------------	------

### *Consumer and Case Counts Overview*

Table 1.	Case and Consumer Counts by Location: DCF Regions and State .....	3
Figure 1.	Annual Counts of DCF Consumers 1983 – 2012: State.....	4
Figure 2.	Quarterly Changes in Consumer Count by DCF Region .....	4

### *Case and Consumer Openings*

Table 2A.	Case Openings during the Quarter by Intake Type: DCF Regions and State .....	6
Table 2B.	Consumer Openings during the Quarter by Intake Type: DCF Regions and State .....	6
Figure 3.	Reason for Case Openings: DCF Regions.....	7
Figure 4.	Quarterly Changes in Case Openings by DCF Region.....	7

### *Child Maltreatment*

Table 3.	Child Abuse/Neglect Reports during the Quarter: DCF Regions and State .....	10
Table 4.	Child Abuse/Neglect Responses during the Quarter: DCF Regions and State .....	10
Figure 5.	Child Abuse/Neglect Reports: DCF Regions .....	11
Figure 6.	Child Abuse/Neglect Responses: DCF Regions .....	11
Figure 7.	Quarterly Changes in Child Abuse/Neglect Reports by DCF Region.....	12
Figure 8.	Quarterly Changes in Child Abuse/Neglect Responses by DCF Region .....	12
Figure 9.	Type of Case Referral: State .....	13
Figure 10.	Reasons for Mandatory Referrals: State .....	14
Table 5.	Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals to District Attorneys: State .....	14
Table 6.	Type of Case Referral: County .....	15
Table 7.	Mandatory Case Referral Reasons: County.....	16

## CONTENTS (continued)

TABLE/FIGURE	PAGE
--------------	------

### *Consumer Demographics*

Figure 11. Age and Gender of Consumers: State .....	17
Table 8. Race of Consumers: DCF Regions and State .....	18
Figure 12A. Regional Proportions of Consumers by Race .....	19
Figure 12B. Regional Counts of Consumers by Race .....	19
Table 9. Racial Comparisons of DCF Consumers and All Children Residing in State.....	20
Table 10. Primary Language of Consumers: DCF Regions and State.....	21

### *Profile of Consumers in Placement*

Figure 13A. Annual Count of Children in Placement 1983 – 2012: State .....	23
Figure 13B. Age of Children in Placement 1987 – 2012: State.....	24
Table 11. Child Caseload: DCF Regions and Area Offices .....	25
Figure 14. Quarterly Changes in Children in Placement: DCF Regions .....	26
Figure 15. Quarterly Changes in Children Not in Placement: DCF Regions .....	26
Table 12A. Consumers in Placement by Gender and Race: DCF Regions and State .....	27
Figure 16A. Consumers in Placement by Gender and Race: State.....	28
Table 12B. Consumers in Placement by Age, Service Plan Goal, and Time in Continuous Placement: DCF Regions and State.....	30
Table 13A. Consumers in Placement by Race and Time in Continuous Placement: State.....	30
Figure 16B. Consumers in Placement by Age, Service Plan Goal, and Time in Continuous Placement: State .....	31
Table 14. Consumers in Placement by Race and Service Plan Goal: State.....	32
Table 15. Consumers in Placement by Age Group and Service Plan Goal: State .....	32
Table 16. Consumers in Placement by Time in Continuous Placement and Service Plan Goal: State .....	32
Table 13B. Consumers in Placement by Race and Age: State.....	33
Table 13C. Consumers in Placement by Age and Time in Continuous Placement: State.....	33
Figure 17. Age, Gender, Race, and Time in Continuous Placement of Consumers with a Goal of Adoption: State .....	37
Figure 18. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption by Legal Status and Match Status: State .....	40
Figure 19. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption and Legally Free: DCF Regions and State .....	41
Figure 20. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption and Matched to a Permanent Family: DCF Regions and State .....	41

## CONTENTS (continued)

TABLE/FIGURE	PAGE
Figure 21A. Annual Counts of Consumers in Foster Care and Congregate Care 1987-2012: State.....	42
Figure 21B. Regional Proportions of Consumers in Foster Care and Congregate Care .....	43
Table 17A. Consumers in Placement by Age and Location: DCF Regions and State .....	45
Table 17B. Consumers in Foster Care by Age and Location: DCF Regions and State .....	46
Table 17C. Consumers in Congregate Care by Age and Location: DCF Regions and State.....	47
Table 18A. Consumers in Placement by Race and Location: DCF Regions and State .....	48
Table 18B. Consumers in Foster Care by Race and Location: DCF Regions and State .....	49
Table 18C. Consumers in Congregate Care by Race and Location: DCF Regions and State.....	50
Figure 22A. Regional Proportions of Consumers in Foster Care by Type of Location: DCF Regions .....	51
Figure 22B. Regional Counts of Consumers in Foster Care by Type of Location: DCF Regions .....	51
Figure 23A. Regional Proportions of Consumers in Congregate Care by Type of Location: DCF Regions .....	52
Figure 23B. Regional Counts of Consumers in Congregate Care by Type of Location: DCF Regions .....	52
Figure 24. Quarterly Changes in Consumers in Foster Care: DCF Regions .....	53
Figure 25. Quarterly Changes in Consumers in Congregate Care: DCF Regions .....	53
Table 19A. Children in Kinship Placement as a Proportion of All Children in Placement: DCF Regions and Area Offices .....	57
Table 19B. Race of Children in Kinship Placements Compared to All Placements: DCF Regions and Area Offices .....	58

### *Consumers Entering and Leaving Placement during the Quarter*

Table 20. Consumers Entering Placement during the Quarter (First Time Entrants and Re-Entrants): DCF Regions and State .....	60
Figure 26. Consumers Entering Placement during the Quarter (First Time Entrants and Re-Entrants): DCF Regions .....	60
Figure 27. Consumers Entering Placement during the Quarter to Foster and Congregate Care: DCF Regions .....	61
Table 21. Consumers Leaving Placement during the Quarter: DCF Regions and State .....	61

## CONTENTS (continued)

TABLE/FIGURE	PAGE
<i>Foster Home Demographics</i>	
Figure 28. Restricted and Unrestricted Foster Homes 1998-2012: State.....	63
Table 22. Profile of Foster Homes by Race: DCF Regions and State .....	63
Table 23. Profile of Foster Homes by Marital Status: DCF Regions and State .....	64
<i>Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies</i>	
Figure 29. Children Receiving Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies: State .....	65
<i>Appendix</i>	
Table A1. DCF Consumer, Child, and Adult Population Trends 1983-2012: State .....	67
Table A2. Case Openings during the Quarter by Intake Type: DCF Regions and Areas.....	68
Table A3. Consumer Openings during the Quarter by Intake Type: DCF Regions and Areas .....	69
Table A4. Child Abuse/Neglect Reports during the Quarter: DCF Regions and Areas .....	70
Table A5. Child Abuse/Neglect Responses during the Quarter: DCF Regions and Areas .....	71
Table A6. Mandatory and Discretionary Case Referrals to District Attorneys: 2003 – 2012....	72
Table A7. Reasons for Mandatory Referrals to District Attorneys: 2003 – 2012.....	72
Table A8. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption and Legally Free: DCF Regions and Area .....	73
Table A9. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption and Matched to a Permanent Family: DCF Regions and Areas.....	74
Table A10. Census 2010: Race of Children Less than 18 Years Old Residing in the 13 Largest Cities in Massachusetts .....	75

## PREFACE

- The Department of Children and Families (DCF) has four regions and 29 area offices.

DCF REGIONAL OFFICES	DCF AREA OFFICES
Western	Greenfield, Holyoke, Pittsfield, Springfield, Van Wart, Worcester East, Worcester West, South Central, North Central
Northern	Lowell, Framingham, Haverhill, Lawrence, Cambridge, Malden, Cape Ann, Lynn
Southern	Arlington, Coastal, Cape Cod, Plymouth, Fall River, New Bedford, Brockton, Taunton
Boston	Dimock Street, Hyde Park, Harbor, Park Street

## I. CONSUMER AND CASE COUNTS

- At the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, DCF had 21,135 open cases (1,742 adoption cases and 19,393 clinical cases) and 68,521 open consumers<sup>1</sup> (33,475 adults and 35,046 children). (**Table 1** on page 3)
- From the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, there was little change in case and consumer counts (<1%) (**Fig. 2** on page 4).
- From 1983 to 2009, there was a slow increase in the consumer population, punctuated by peak levels in 1985, 1991, and 2009. After reaching the highest number of consumers (88,568) in the Department's history at the end June 2009, there has been a mostly downward trend in consumers (**Fig. 1** on page 4, **Appendix Table A1** on page 67). Since June 2009, there have been significant declines in consumers (-23%), children (-24%), children in placement (-15%), and adults (-21%) (**Fig. 1, Appendix Table A1**).
- From 1992 to 2009, the number of adult consumers gradually increased and approached the number of child consumers (**Fig. 1**). During this period, there was a slow decline in the number of children less than 18 years old in placement (**Fig. 1**). The decline in children in placement has continued along with decreases in other DCF annual counts (all consumers, all children, adults 18 or older, and children not in placement receiving services at home) (**Fig. 1, Appendix Table A1**). From 2009 to 2012, counts of all children less than 18 years old and adults 18 years or older are decreasing and converging (**Fig 1**).

---

<sup>1</sup> Total consumers include all individuals with an active case status on the last day of the quarter and who were in a case with a comprehensive assessment or a service plan. These selection criteria exclude consumers not in placement who have an active case status that is pending the outcome of an investigation or initial assessment.

## **A. Consumers in Placement**

- There were 9,051 individuals in placement on the last day of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012. Included in this count are 7,467 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,584 young adults (18 to 23 years old). (**Table 1** on page 3)
- The placement population was distributed across DCF service regions as follows: 37% in the Western Region, 25% in the Southern Region, 22% in the Northern Region, and 12% in the Boston Region. (**Table 1**)
- From the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, the number of children in placement increased less than 1% statewide (**Appendix Table A1** on page 67, **Fig. 14** on page 26). Prior to a 1% increase last quarter, the count of children in placement had been decreasing over four quarters (7,957 to 7,355) (**Fig. 14, Appendix Table A1**).

## **B. Children Not in Placement**

- At the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, there were 27,579 children less than 18 years old with an active case status who were not in placement (**Table 1**). From the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, counts of children not in placement increased less than 1% statewide (**Fig. 15** on page 26, **Appendix Table A1**, all children minus children in placement). The count of children not in placement continues to fluctuate while on a downward trend (**Fig. 1** on page 4, **Fig. 15**).
- Significant declines in total consumers and children not in placement often occur with a drop in investigations and initial assessments (combined counts)—typically in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. (**Appendix Table A1, Fig. 8** on page 12)



**TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

Case Counts:	DCF Geographic Region				Adoption		Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>	Other <sup>(2)</sup>	
<b>Case Type</b>							
Adoption	672	354	420	152	141	3	1,742
Clinical	7,432	4,193	5,078	2,564	11	115	19,393
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,104</b>	<b>4,547</b>	<b>5,498</b>	<b>2,716</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>21,135</b>
<b>Consumer Counts:</b>							
<b>Adults: <sup>(3)</sup></b>							
In Placement: <sup>(4)</sup> Foster/Congregate Care <sup>(5)</sup>	453	436	374	204	---	73	1,540
Other <sup>(6)</sup>	1	6	3	6	---	17	33
On the Run	1	3	6	1	---	---	11
Total in Placement	455	445	383	211	---	90	1,584
Not in Placement	12,613	6,545	8,741	3,980	---	12	31,891
<b>Total Adults</b>	<b>13,068</b>	<b>6,990</b>	<b>9,124</b>	<b>4,191</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>33,475</b>
<b>Children:</b>							
In Placement: <sup>(4)</sup> Foster/Congregate Care <sup>(5)</sup>	2,783	1,482	1,825	812	235	35	7,172
Other <sup>(6)</sup>	57	54	21	23	3	2	160
On the Run	41	28	28	38	---	---	135
Total in Placement	2,881	1,564	1,874	873	238	37	7,467
Not in Placement	11,485	5,618	6,876	3,590	3	7	27,579
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>14,366</b>	<b>7,182</b>	<b>8,750</b>	<b>4,463</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>35,046</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,434</b>	<b>14,172</b>	<b>17,874</b>	<b>8,654</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>68,521</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

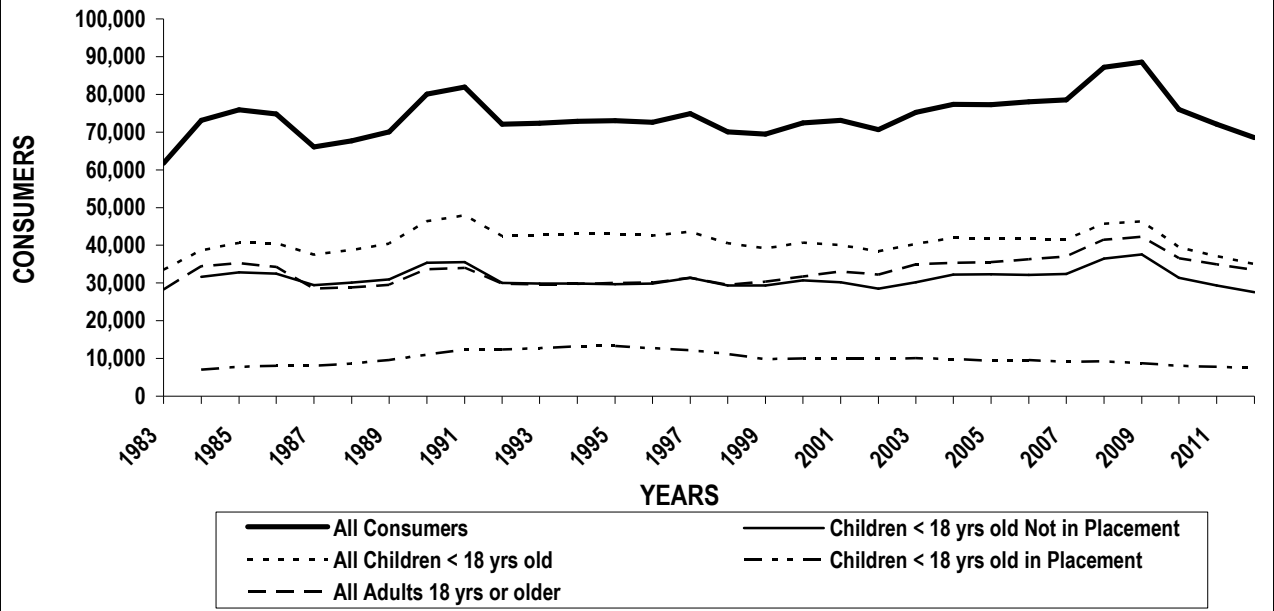
<sup>(3)</sup> Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

<sup>(4)</sup> Children and young adults in the care/custody of DCF. "Adults" in Foster/Residential Care are being transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and Developmental Services (DDS) or are supported by DCF until graduation from a full-time school or vocational training program (through age 23 for a Bachelor's Degree).

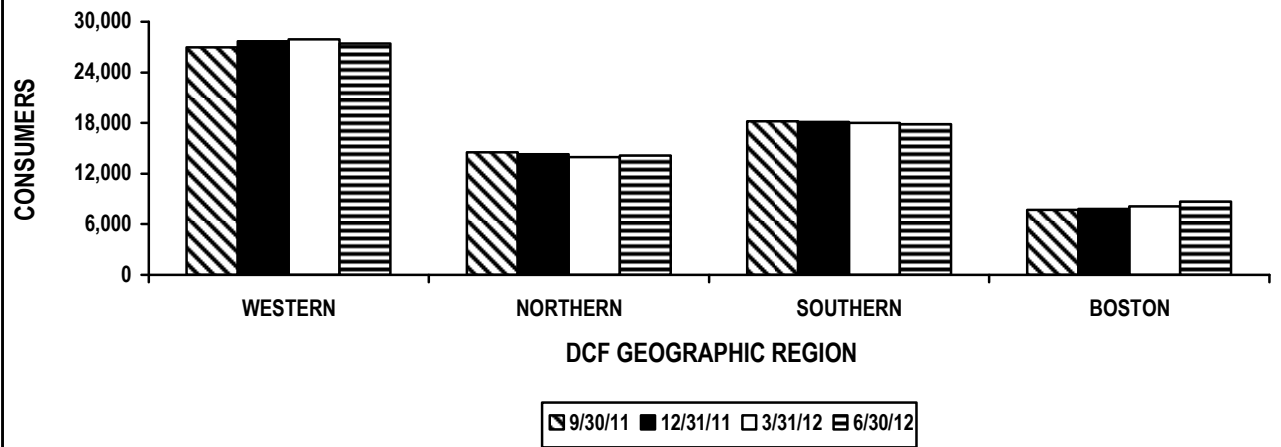
<sup>(5)</sup> See Tables 17A, 17B and 17C for a breakdown by type of placement.

<sup>(6)</sup> "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies.

**FIGURE 1. ANNUAL COUNTS OF DCF CONSUMERS:  
JUNE 1983 - JUNE 2012**



**FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2012, END OF 1ST QUARTER to FY'2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER)**



## II. CASE AND CONSUMER OPENINGS <sup>2</sup>

- All counts are unduplicated; if a case or a consumer had more than one opening in the quarter, only the first one was selected.
- During the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, there were 2,273 case openings (unduplicated) and 15,387 consumer openings (unduplicated). Case openings include both new cases and cases that reopened. Case members include consumers open for the first time and consumers who reopened. (**Tables 2A and 2B** on next page)
- From the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, case openings decreased 9% (**Fig. 4** on page 7) and consumer openings decreased 1%.
- Eighty-one percent of case openings and 86% of consumer openings were due to supported abuse/neglect reports. (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 4% of case openings and 3% of consumer openings. (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- CHINS referrals accounted for 6% of case openings and 6% of consumer openings (**Tables 2A and 2B**). It should be noted that the CHINS consumer counts include the children subject to the CHINS petition, adult caretakers, and oftentimes non-CHINS siblings.
- The proportion of case openings by type of intake is presented for each region in **Fig. 3** on page 7. Supported reports of child abuse/neglect accounted for 79-84% of the total intakes for each region. CHINS referrals ranged from 4-11% of the total intakes for each region. Voluntary requests ranged from 3-5% of the total intakes for each region. (**Table 2A**)
- At an area level, the proportion of case openings that were protective (supported report) ranged from 55% at Lawrence to 93% at North Central (**Appendix Table A2** case openings, **Appendix Table A3** consumer openings on pages 68-69).
- Case openings (statewide) are lowest in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. The quarterly trend in case openings is similar to the pattern for reports of child abuse/neglect (**Figs. 4 and 7** on pages 7 and 12, respectively).

---

<sup>2</sup> Case openings are counted when a case opens for services and has a comprehensive assessment or service plan. Cases open pending completion of an investigation or initial assessment are not included. Consumer openings are counted when a consumer opens in a case that is open for services.

**TABLE 2A. CASE OPENINGS<sup>(1)</sup> DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)**

DCF Geographic Region	Case Openings <sup>(1)</sup>										Total No.
	Protective <sup>(2)</sup>		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other <sup>(3)</sup>		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	652	84%	30	4%	24	3%	23	3%	51	7%	780
Northern	396	79%	25	5%	24	5%	20	4%	37	7%	502
Southern	541	81%	38	6%	29	4%	24	4%	33	5%	665
Boston	249	80%	34	11%	13	4%	7	2%	10	3%	313
Adoption Contracts <sup>(4)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	6	100%	6
Other <sup>(5)</sup>	---	---	---	---	7	100%	---	---	---	---	7
Total:	1,838	81%	127	6%	97	4%	74	3%	137	6%	2,273

<sup>(1)</sup> An unduplicated count of case openings during the quarter.

<sup>(2)</sup> The outcome of an investigation or initial assessment.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes Alternative Response, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

<sup>(4)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program and Residential & Adolescent Services Unit.

**TABLE 2B. CONSUMER OPENINGS<sup>(1)</sup> DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)**

DCF Geographic Region	Consumer Openings <sup>(1)</sup>										Total No.
	Protective <sup>(2)</sup>		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other <sup>(3)</sup>		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	4,927	90%	214	4%	104	2%	126	2%	107	2%	5,478
Northern	2,901	85%	167	5%	123	4%	146	4%	79	2%	3,415
Southern	3,572	85%	316	7%	117	3%	152	4%	62	1%	4,219
Boston	1,869	83%	242	11%	56	2%	56	2%	30	1%	2,253
Adoption Contracts <sup>(4)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	12	100%	12
Other <sup>(5)</sup>	---	---	---	---	10	100%	---	---	---	---	10
Total:	13,268	86%	939	6%	410	3%	480	3%	290	2%	15,387

<sup>(1)</sup> An unduplicated count of consumer openings during the quarter.

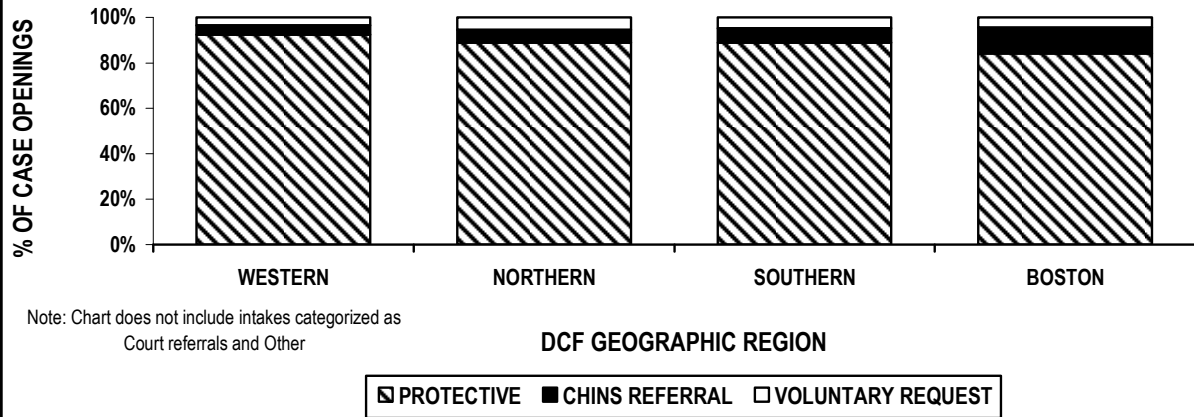
<sup>(2)</sup> The outcome of an investigation or initial assessment.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes Baby Safe Haven and Other.

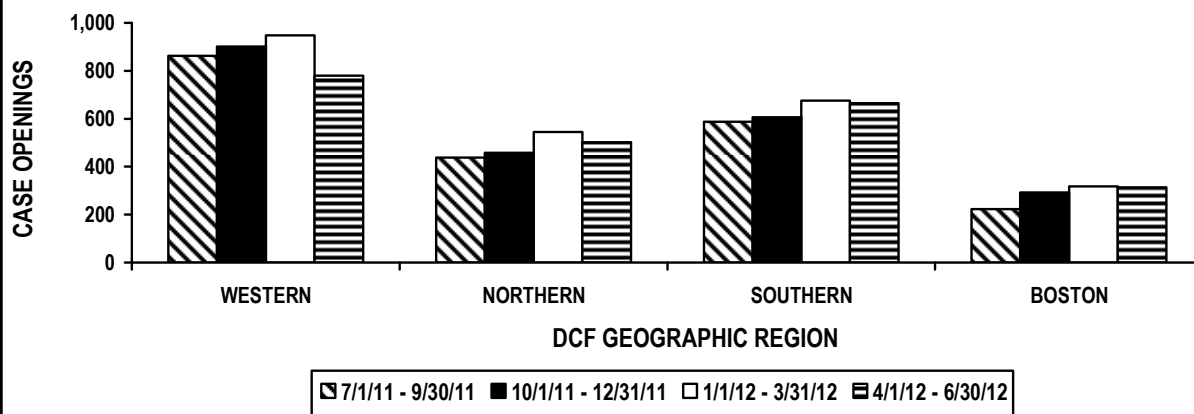
<sup>(4)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minors program

**FIGURE 3. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION  
FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)**



**FIGURE 4. CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2012, 1ST QUARTER to FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER)**



### III. CHILD MALTREATMENT

In August 2009, DCF implemented a “Differential Response” process for handling reports of child maltreatment. The differential response allows reports to be screened-in for an investigation response or an initial assessment response. Not all reports of abuse or neglect require the same type of intervention. An initial assessment response provides an alternative to an investigation. DCF is able to engage families more quickly when the reported concern does not warrant a formal investigation of the allegation(s). The initial assessment response is not intended to be used for reports alleging sexual abuse, serious physical abuse, or serious neglect by a caretaker.

#### A. Reports

- Statewide, 21,801 reports were recorded during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY’2012. Thirty-two percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation and 22% were screened-in for initial assessment. Seven percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. (**Table 3** on page 10)
- Regionally, the proportion of reports screened-in for an investigation response ranged from 19% in the North to 38% in Boston. At the Judge Baker Children’s Center, 43% of the reports were screened-in for investigation. (**Table 3, Fig. 5** on page 11)
- The proportion of reports screened-in for an initial assessment response by region ranged from 20% in Boston to 26% in the Northern region. Judge Baker screened-in 18% of the reports for initial assessment. (**Table 3, Fig. 5**)
- The Hyde Park, Worcester West, and Park Street areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (41-42%). South Central, Haverhill, and Lawrence Areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for initial assessment (32-33%). (**Appendix Table A4** on page 70)
- Cape Ann and Lawrence Areas had the lowest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (7-9%). The Lowell Area had the lowest proportion of reports screened-in for initial assessment (16%). (**Appendix Table A4**)
- The DCF Regions screened-in 2-3% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 19% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children’s Center Hotline. (**Table 3**)
- Statewide, reports decreased less than 1% from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY’2012. Typically, report counts decline during the summer quarter (Q1) then rise during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). (**Fig. 7** on page 12)

## B. Investigation and Initial Assessment Responses

- During the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, 10,309 total responses (investigations and initial assessments) were completed (**Table 4** on next page)—an increase of 5% from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2012 (**Fig. 8** on page 12).
- Investigations and initial assessments as a proportion of all responses for each region were: 64% and 36% (Boston); 50% and 50% (West); 50% and 50% (South); 37% and 63% (North), respectively. (**Fig. 6** on page 11, **Table 4**)

### Initial Assessments

- There were 4,694 initial assessments completed during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012<sup>3</sup>. The assessment decision was “concern” for 44% of initial assessments and “minimal or no concern” for 56%. The assessment decisions are defined as “concerns of safety or risk that warrant DCF services” and “no concern or minimal risk of future abuse/neglect.” (**Table 4**, **Fig. 6**)
- The Fall River, Worcester West, and Malden areas had the highest proportion of responses which resulted in an initial assessment of concern (56-57%). (**Appendix Table A5** on page 71)
- Statewide, initial assessments increased 4% from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012.

### Investigations

- The number of investigations conducted during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012 was 5,615 (**Table 4**).<sup>3</sup> Of these investigations, 1 resulted from a report screened-in for initial assessment.
- Sixty-three percent of the investigations resulted in supported allegations of maltreatment. (**Table 4**)
- Regional support rates went from a low of 62% in the North to a high of 66% in Boston. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 74% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. (**Table 4**)
- Framingham, Park Street, and Van Wart areas had the highest proportion of responses that resulted in a supported investigation (74-79%). (**Appendix Table A5**)
- Statewide, investigations increased 6% from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012.

---

<sup>3</sup> The number of investigations and initial assessments is lower than the number of reports screened for investigation or initial assessment. This occurs because an investigation or initial assessment may be associated to multiple reports on the same incident or reports received on separate but closely occurring incidents.

**TABLE 3. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)**

DCF Geographic Region	Screening Decision									Report Total	
	Screened-Out		Screened-In for Investigation				Screened-In for Initial Assessment				
			Non-Emergency		Emergency				S/I		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Total	No.	%	No.	%
Western	2,953	48%	1,526	25%	127	2%	1,653	1,510	25%	6,116	28%
Northern	2,157	55%	624	16%	98	3%	722	1,021	26%	3,900	18%
Southern	1,867	47%	1,011	26%	109	3%	1,120	961	24%	3,948	18%
Boston	693	41%	590	35%	56	3%	646	337	20%	1,676	8%
Judge Baker Children's Center	2,316	40%	1,377	24%	1,089	19%	2,466	1,027	18%	5,809	27%
Special Investigations	111	32%	240	68%	1	*	241	---	---	352	2%
Total	10,097	46%	5,368	25%	1,480	7%	6,848	4,856	22%	21,801	100%

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

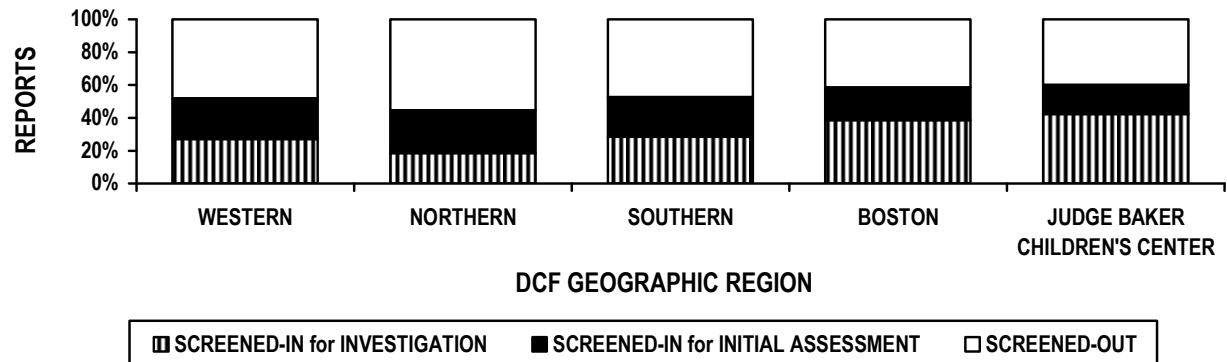
**TABLE 4. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION: FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)**

DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision					Initial Assessment Decision					Response	
	Supported		Unsupported		Inv Total	Concern		Min/No Concern		IA Total	Total	
	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%	No.	%		No.	
Western	1,090	63%	634	37%	1,724	719	42%	990	58%	1,709	3,433	33%
Northern	462	62%	289	38%	751	560	43%	736	57%	1,296	2,047	20%
Southern	825	64%	465	36%	1,290	576	45%	698	55%	1,274	2,564	25%
Boston	480	66%	242	34%	722	191	46%	224	54%	415	1,137	11%
Judge Baker Children's Center	637	74%	219	26%	856	---	---	---	---	---	856	8%
Special Investigations	42	15%	230	85%	272	---	---	---	---	---	272	3%
Total	3,536	63%	2,079	37%	5,615	2,046	44%	2,648	56%	4,694	10,309	100%

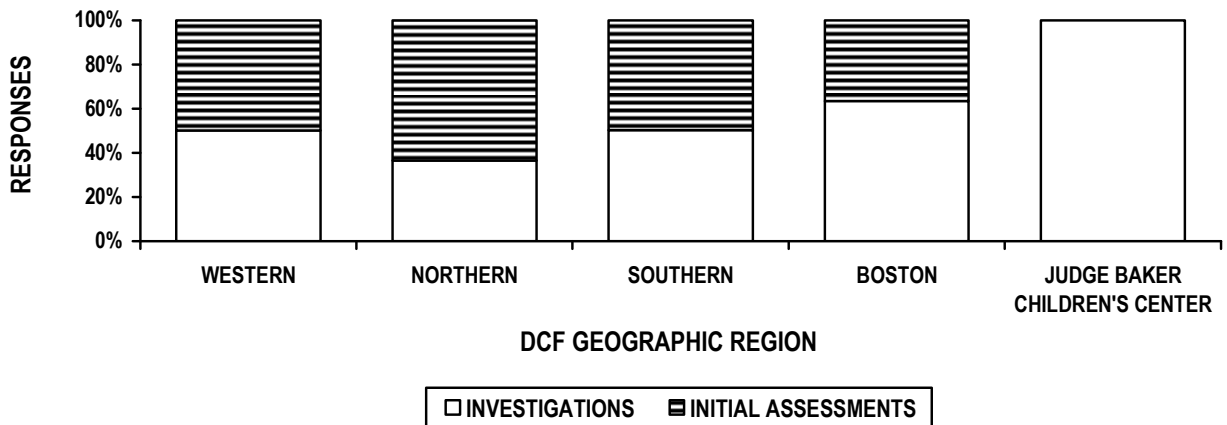
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

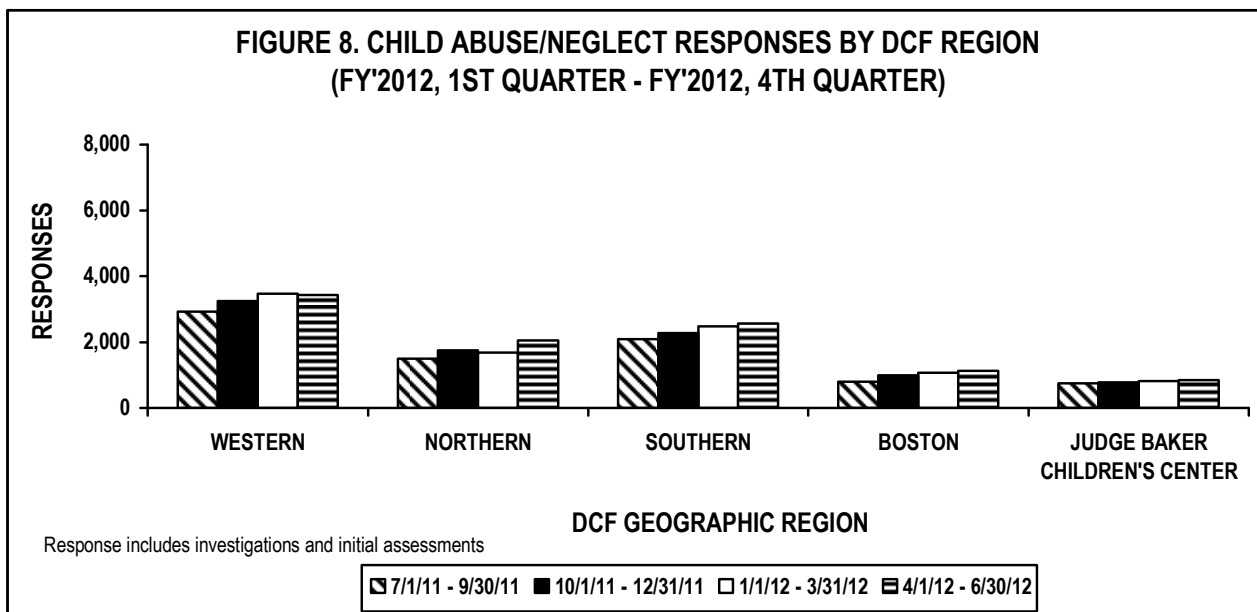
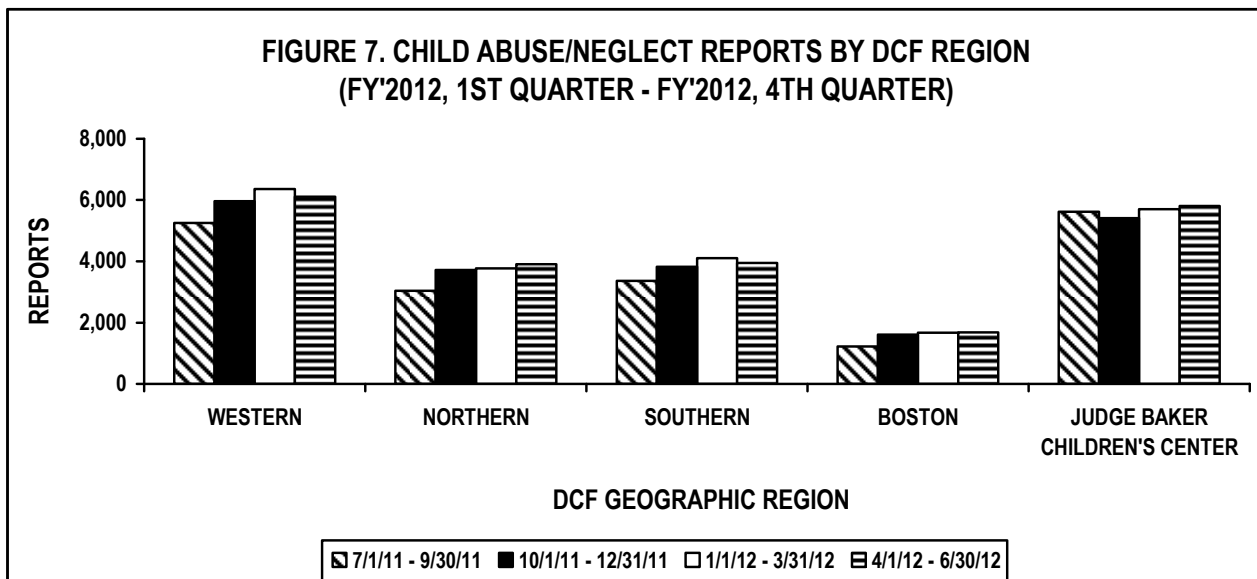


**FIGURE 5. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS  
SCREENING DECISION BY DCF REGION  
FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)**



**FIGURE 6. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY TYPE AND DCF REGION  
FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)**

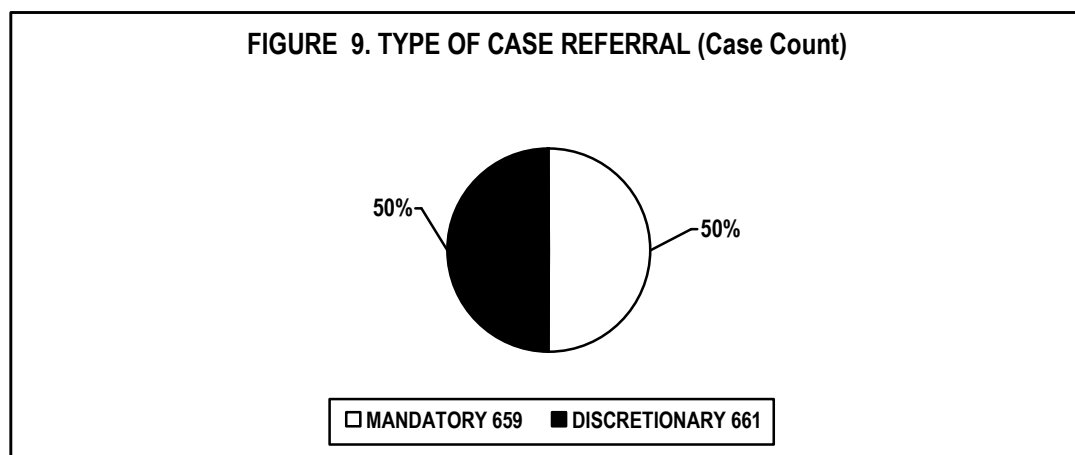




## C. District Attorney (DA) Referrals

- During the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, 1,320 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (**Fig. 9**). Fifty percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals<sup>4</sup> and 50% were discretionary referrals<sup>5</sup> (**Fig. 9, Appendix Table A6** on page 72).

### DA REFERRALS FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)

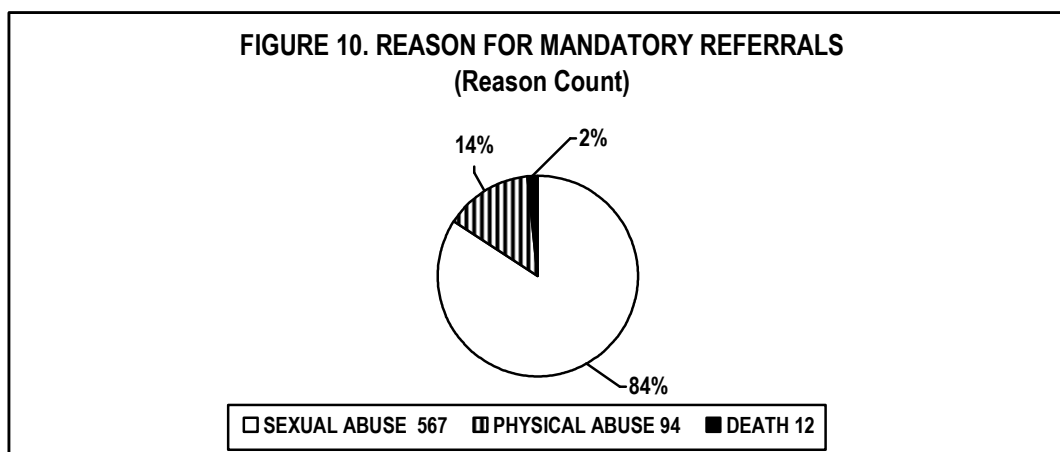


- Sexual abuse accounted for 84% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012 (**Fig. 10, Table 5** on next page). Fourteen percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

<sup>4</sup> Mandatory referrals to District Attorneys (and local law enforcement authorities) are made following a DCF investigation that results in a supported report of severe child maltreatment (sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, or death). Mandatory referrals are also made when a maltreatment report is either screened-out or unsupported, on the basis that the alleged perpetrator did not meet the definition of caretaker, but the allegations match one of the aforementioned maltreatment categories.

<sup>5</sup> There are two categories of discretionary referrals: (1) DCF may immediately report cases of serious physical injury to the District Attorney; or (2) DCF may refer other matters involving possible criminal conduct (including but not limited to cases of abuse or neglect) to the District Attorney, regardless of whether the maltreatment report is supported or unsupported.

## DA REFERRALS FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)



NOTE: A case referral may include more than one reason (more than one type of maltreatment).

**TABLE 5. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: <sup>(1)</sup>**  
**FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)**

Nature of Abuse	Reasons <sup>(1)</sup>	
	No.	%
<b>Sexual Abuse:</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>84%</b>
Sexual Assault	541	
Sexual Exploitation	26	
<hr/>		
<b>Serious Physical Abuse:</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>14%</b>
<hr/>		
<b>Death:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2%</b>
<hr/>		
<b>Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

- Sexual abuse as a proportion of all reasons for mandatory referrals has ranged from 78% to 85% over the past 10 years (FY'2003 through FY'2012, Q4) (See **Appendix Table A7** on page 72).
- Not all DA referrals resulting from an allegation that a child's death was due to abuse or neglect lead to an ultimate finding the death was in fact due to abuse or neglect. **DCF publishes an annual report of child fatalities that includes an analysis of child deaths due to abuse or neglect.**

- **Table 6** displays a breakdown of case referrals by type and child's county of residence. Referral counts are usually the highest for the most populous counties, Middlesex, Worcester, Essex, and Suffolk. However, based on a comparison of county estimates<sup>6</sup> for children less than 18 years old, Berkshire County had a significantly higher number of referrals than expected while Norfolk County had a lower number of referrals than expected.
- **Table 7** (on next page) shows mandatory case referral reasons and child's county of residence. Middlesex, Essex, Worcester, and Suffolk Counties accounted for 66% of the mandatory case referrals for sexual abuse (includes sexual assault and sexual exploitation). The same four counties accounted for 74% of the mandatory case referrals for serious physical abuse.

**TABLE 6. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY: <sup>(1)</sup>**  
**FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)**

County <sup>(2)</sup>	Case Referrals				Total No.	2010 Children Less than 18 Years Old
	Discretionary		Mandatory			
	No.	%	No.	%		
Middlesex	91	39%	144	61%	235	320,439
Essex	79	39%	123	61%	202	172,089
Berkshire	144	77%	44	23%	188	25,624
Worcester	81	46%	97	54%	178	187,231
Suffolk	66	46%	77	54%	143	126,275
Hampden	41	41%	58	59%	99	109,885
Plymouth	52	68%	25	32%	77	119,475
Norfolk	47	72%	18	28%	65	152,132
Bristol	39	62%	24	38%	63	122,409
Franklin	2	8%	22	92%	24	14,068
Hampshire	7	30%	16	70%	23	26,766
Barnstable	8	57%	6	43%	14	37,249
Dukes	---	---	1	100%	1	3,173
Nantucket	---	---	1	100%	1	2,108
OUT OF STATE	4	57%	3	43%	7	---
Total	661		659		1,320	

<sup>(1)</sup> A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

<sup>(2)</sup> County where the child resides.

<sup>6</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, American Factfinder, 2010 Census Tables,  
(factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml)

**TABLE 7. MANDATORY CASE REFERRAL REASONS BY COUNTY:<sup>(1)</sup>**  
**FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)**

County <sup>(2)</sup>	Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals <sup>(1)</sup>				Total No.
	Sexual Assault No.	Sexual Exploitation No.	Serious Physical Abuse/Injury No.	Death No.	
Middlesex	121	4	20	---	145
Essex	91	7	24	4	126
Worcester	75	4	16	3	98
Suffolk	69	2	10	---	81
Hampden	52	5	2	1	60
Berkshire	35	---	7	2	44
Bristol	18	1	5	1	25
Plymouth	21	---	3	1	25
Franklin	19	---	3	---	22
Norfolk	14	---	4	---	18
Hampshire	15	2	---	---	17
Barnstable	6	1	---	---	7
Dukes	1	---	---	---	1
Nantucket	1	---	---	---	1
OUT OF STATE	3	---	---	---	3
<b>Total:</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>673</b>

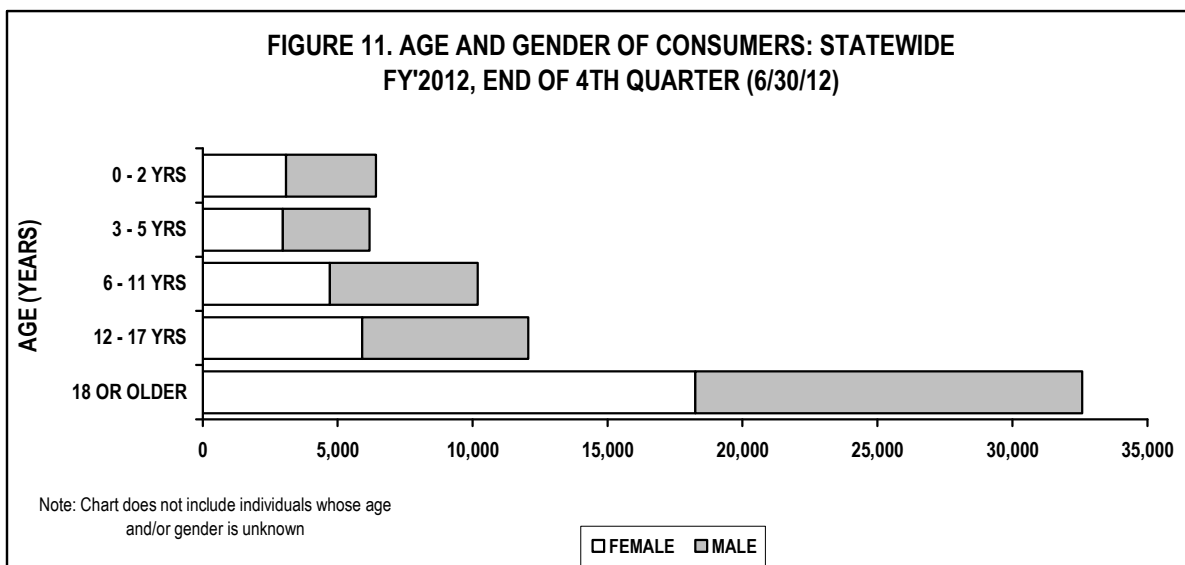
<sup>(1)</sup> A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

<sup>(2)</sup> County where the child resides.

## IV. CONSUMER DEMOGRAPHICS

### A. Age, Gender, and Race of All Consumers

- On the last day of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, the consumer population included 35,046 (51%) children less than 18 years old and 33,475 (49%) adults 18 years or older (**Table 1** on page 3). The proportion of adult consumers has risen steadily from 41-42% in the 1990s to 49% at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012 (**Appendix Table A1** on page 67).
- Fifty-one percent of all consumers were identified as female, 48% as male, and 1% were unspecified as of the run-date. Thirty-five percent (12,102) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). (**Fig. 11**)
- Forty-eight percent of all children receiving DCF services were female. In contrast, 55% of all adults receiving services were female. (**Fig. 11**)



Age (Yrs)	Gender			Total
	Female	Male	Unspecified <sup>(1)</sup>	
0 - 2	3,093	3,332	66	6,491
3 - 5	2,972	3,213	27	6,212
6 - 11	4,708	5,485	39	10,232
12 - 17	5,909	6,158	35	12,102
18 or older	18,252	14,332	516	33,100
Unspecified <sup>(1)</sup>	71	172	141	384
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,005</b>	<b>32,692</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>68,521</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Unspecified includes 375 individuals with the role "Consumer Adult" and 9 individuals with the role "Consumer Child" whose ages were unknown and 824 consumers whose gender was not specified as of the run date.

- The statewide caseload was comprised of 44% White, 26% Hispanic/Latino, 14% Black, 2% Asian, 3% Multi-Racial, and less than 1% for both Native American and Pacific Islander consumers. The category “Unable to Determine” was recorded for 4% of consumers. Race was not recorded (missing) for 8% of consumers. (Table 8, Figs. 12A and 12B on next page)
- The Boston Region’s caseload was comprised of 40% Black, 29% Hispanic/Latino, and 16% White consumers (3,445, 2,551, and 1,385 consumers, respectively). The proportion of Hispanic/Latino consumers was similar in 3 of the 4 regions (28-31%). Asians were most prominent in the North--4% of the caseload (566 consumers, mainly Cambodian). (Table 8, Figs. 12A and 12B)

**TABLE 8. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

Race	DCF Geographic Region												Total	
									Adoption					
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		No.	%
No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
White	12,310	45%	6,410	45%	10,103	57%	1,385	16%	103	43%	3	2%	30,314	44%
Black	2,296	8%	1,354	10%	2,339	13%	3,445	40%	42	17%	38	26%	9,514	14%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	8,539	31%	3,947	28%	2,326	13%	2,551	29%	68	28%	53	36%	17,484	26%
Asian	165	1%	566	4%	215	1%	192	2%	1	*	43	29%	1,182	2%
Native American	43	*	21	*	59	*	7	*	---	---	---	---	130	*
Other <sup>(4)</sup>	19	*	11	*	7	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	38	*
Multi-Racial	681	2%	368	3%	644	4%	152	2%	16	7%	---	---	1,861	3%
Unable to Determine	960	3%	521	4%	690	4%	343	4%	11	5%	7	5%	2,532	4%
Missing	2,421	9%	974	7%	1,491	8%	578	7%	---	---	2	1%	5,466	8%
Total	27,434	100%	14,172	100%	17,874	100%	8,654	100%	241	100%	146	100%	68,521	100%

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

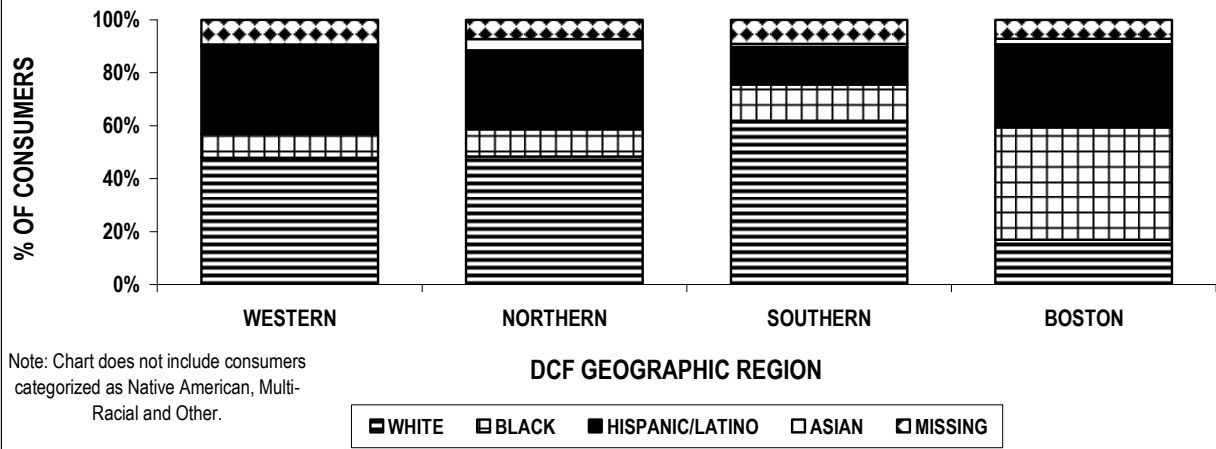
<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

<sup>(3)</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes all races

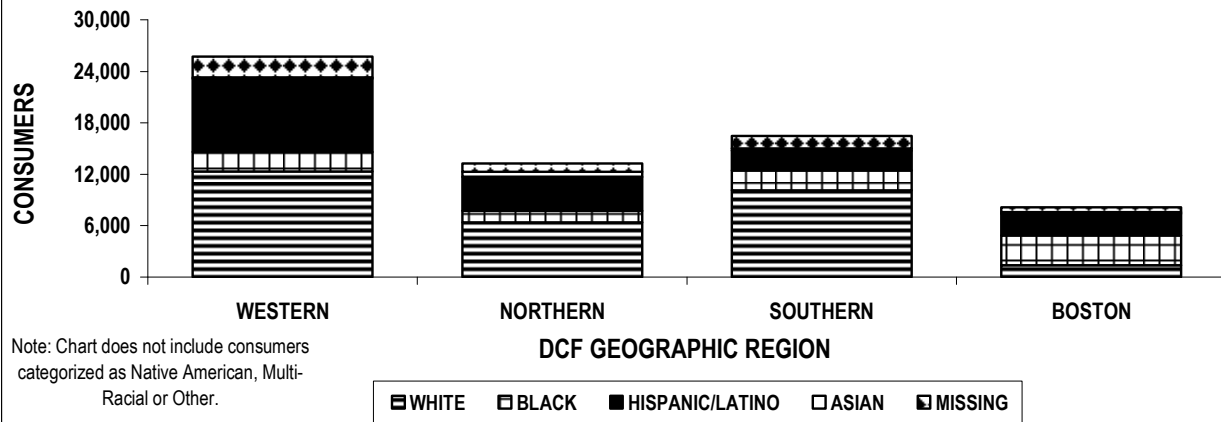
<sup>(4)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.



**FIGURE 12A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE  
FY'2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**



**FIGURE 12B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE  
FY'2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**



- A racial comparison of children receiving various services from DCF to children residing in Massachusetts<sup>7</sup> is displayed in **Table 9**. Black children and Hispanic children are over-represented at all stages in the DCF system. However, this comparison of statewide statistics does not take into consideration the significant differences in racial and ethnic composition among communities across the state.

**TABLE 9. RACIAL COMPARISON OF CHILDREN RECEIVING SERVICES FROM DCF TO ALL CHILDREN RESIDING IN MASSACHUSETTS (CENSUS 2010)**

Race	Children Less than 18 Years Old								
	State Census <sup>7</sup> 2010	DCF Not in Substitute Care	DCF All Substitute Care <sup>*</sup>	DCF Foster Care	DCF Congregate Care <sup>**</sup>	DCF All Care w/Goal of Adoption	DCF All Care w/Goal of Guardianship	DCF Adoptions Legalized	DCF Guardianships Legalized
		6/30/12	6/30/12	6/30/12	6/30/12	6/30/12	6/30/12	FY'2012	FY'2012
White	67%	42%	47%	48%	47%	48%	51%	48%	48%
Hispanic <sup>***</sup>	15%	32%	26%	25%	25%	25%	23%	24%	24%
Black	7%	14%	15%	14%	19%	14%	15%	13%	17%
Asian	6%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	---
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	---	<1%	---	---
Multi-Racial	4%	4%	6%	6%	5%	7%	6%	8%	4%
Other/Unknown	1%	7%	4%	5%	3%	5%	3%	4%	5%
<b>TOTAL %</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>TOTAL #</b>	1,418,923	27,579	7,467	5,803	1,369	2,286	615	758	390

\* Substitute Care includes: foster care, congregate care, on the run from placement, and non-referral locations such as hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies where DCF retains custody of the child.

\*\* Congregate care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

\*\*\* Hispanic/Latino of any race.

- **Appendix Table A10** on page 75 displays the racial composition (and Hispanic origin) of children residing in the 13 largest cities in Massachusetts. There is a high minority representation in Brockton, Boston, Lawrence, and Springfield. Hispanic children are most prevalent in Lawrence, Springfield, and Lynn. The relatively higher proportion of “Other/Unknown” race in Lawrence, Springfield, and Lynn is most likely a reflection of the large Hispanic/Latino population—many do not identify with any race. The proportion of Asian children is highest in Quincy and Lowell.

<sup>7</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, Tables P1, P2, P3, and P4.

## B. Preferred Language of All Consumers

- The Western and Northern Regions had the highest numbers of Spanish-speaking consumers, 2,087 and 1,057 consumers, respectively (**Table 10**). Haitian Creole was the preferred language of 346 DCF consumers (1% statewide). Khmer-speaking (Cambodian) consumers were mainly concentrated in the North. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Haitian Creole (North/South/Boston), Portuguese (South/North), Cape Verdean Creole (South/Boston), Vietnamese (Boston/West), and Lao (North) (**Table 10**).

**TABLE 10. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

Primary Language	DCF Geographic Region										Adoption Contracts <sup>(1)</sup> Other <sup>(2)</sup>		Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston							
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spanish	2,087	8%	1,057	7%	523	3%	898	10%	5	2%	52	36%	4,622	7%
Haitian Creole	6	*	124	1%	108	1%	107	1%	---	---	1	1%	346	1%
Portuguese	39	*	114	1%	136	1%	13	*	---	---	---	---	302	*
Khmer (Cambodian)	2	*	150	1%	12	*	5	*	---	---	---	---	169	*
Cape Verdean Creole	1	*	13	*	143	1%	96	1%	---	---	---	---	253	*
Vietnamese	47	*	10	*	28	*	60	1%	---	---	---	---	145	*
Chinese	---	---	13	*	47	*	32	*	---	---	---	---	92	*
Lao	1	*	15	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	16	*
American Sign Language	14	*	18	*	5	*	9	*	---	---	---	---	46	*
Other	477	2%	198	1%	262	1%	110	1%	---	---	65	45%	1,112	2%
English\Unspecified	24,760	90%	12,460	88%	16,610	93%	7,324	85%	236	98%	28	19%	61,418	90%
Total	27,434	100%	14,172	100%	17,874	100%	8,654	100%	241	100%	146	100%	68,521	100%

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

- From 1987 to 1997, there were substantial increases in consumers whose preferred languages were Khmer, Lao, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, and Spanish (table on next page). In the following decade (1997-2007), there were declines in consumers from all of these language groups. Although there was a decline in consumers with these preferred/primary languages, there was not a decline in DCF consumers from these ethnic groups. As with all immigrant groups, their children become fluent in English. The new immigrant communities continue to grow, but as time passes those who are only fluent in their native language make up a smaller proportion of their community.
- Comparing DCF consumers by preferred language on June 2007 and June 2012, showed an increase in some language groups and a decrease in others (table on next page). The most significant changes were: a decline in Khmer (-53%) and increases in Cape Verdean Creole (73%), Chinese (70%), and Haitian Creole (33%). During this period, the count of total consumers decreased 13%.

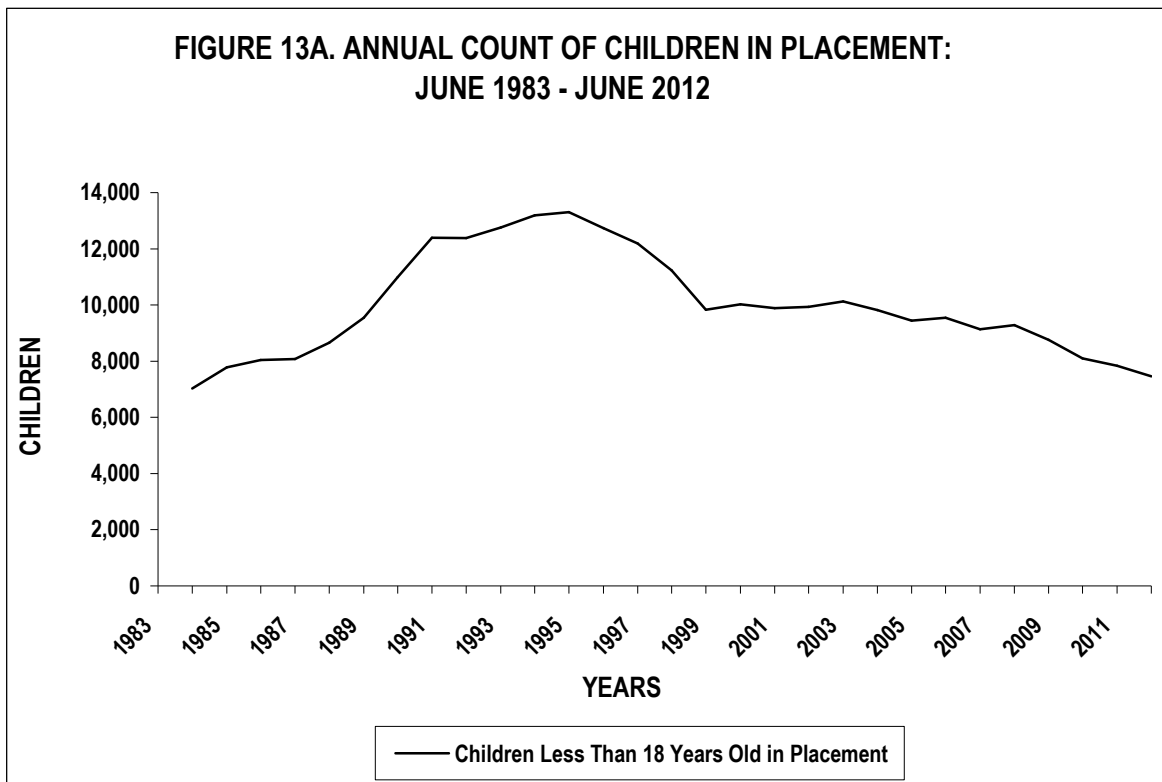
**STATEWIDE:**

<b>Primary Language</b>	<b>Consumers Jul. 1987 No.</b>	<b>Consumers Jul. 1997 No.</b>	<b>Consumers Jun. 2007 No.</b>	<b>Consumers Jun. 2012 No.</b>	<b>2007-2012 Change %</b>
English/Unspecified*	60,784	66,404	71,398	61,418	-14%
Spanish	3,664	6,334	4,516	4,622	2%
Haitian Creole	175	360	260	346	33%
Portuguese	530	380	303	302	---
Cape Verdean Creole	174	247	146	253	73%
Khmer Cambodian	253	851	356	169	-53%
Vietnamese	146	273	167	145	-13%
Chinese	71	61	54	92	70%
American Sign Language	47	23	41	46	12%
Lao	30	74	20	16	-20%
Other	213	310	1,459	1,112	-24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>66,087</b>	<b>75,317</b>	<b>78,720</b>	<b>68,521</b>	<b>-13%</b>

\* When a primary language was unspecified, it was presumed to be English.

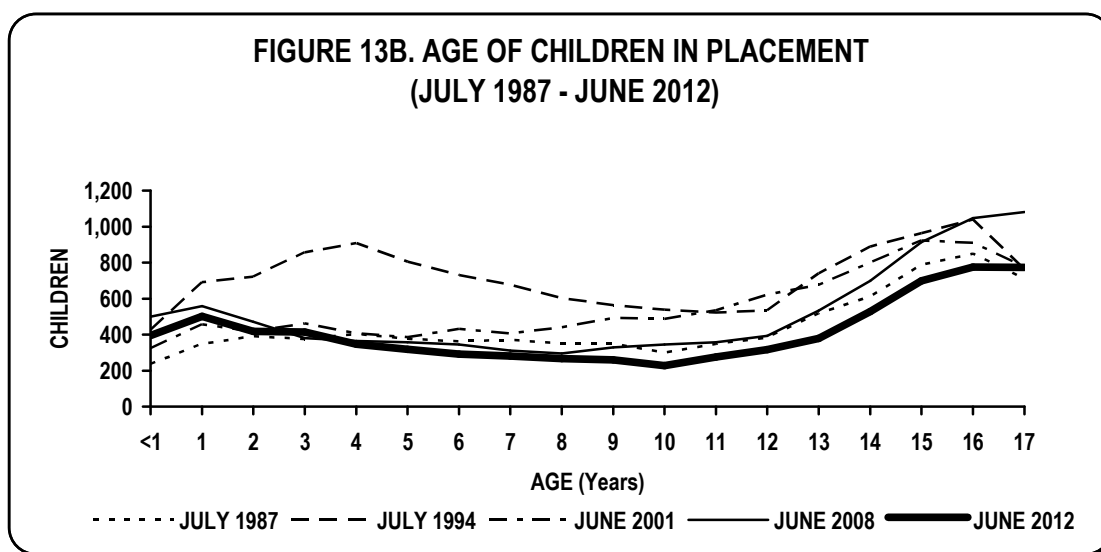
## V. PROFILE OF CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT<sup>8</sup>

- The number of children less than 18 years old in placement (7,467) increased less than 1% from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012 (**Appendix Table A1** on page 67, **Fig. 14** on page 26). The highest number of children less than 18 years old in placement was recorded in 1995 (13,302 children). The annual count of children in placement has been on a downward trend since 1995. (**Fig. 13A, Appendix Table A1**)



<sup>8</sup>Consumers include children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 to 23 years old.

- Figure 13B** shows the ages of children in placement at five points in time. From 1987 to 1994, the number of younger children in care increased at a faster rate than the number of adolescents. Peak numbers of young children were reached in 1994. Thereafter, the trend reversed as subsequent age curves showed a gradual reduction in the young child population. By the years 2008-2012, the age distributions of children in placement dropped to levels that approached the 1987 curve. In 2008, there was a resurgence at both extremes of the age distribution—16-17 years old and <1-2 years old. These increases were only temporary as all ages declined in 2012. It should be noted that the total number of children in care (less than 18 years old) at each point in time was 8,078 in 1987, 12,977 in 1994, 9,889 in 2001, 9,287 in 2008, and 7,467 in 2012.



- Statewide, 21% (or 7,467) of all children (less than 18 years old) with open cases were in placement. The regional statistics for children in placement as a proportion of all children receiving services were: 22% in the North; 21% in the South; 20% in both Boston and the West. (**Table 11** on next page)
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield and Haverhill area offices had the highest proportions in placement (31% and 29%, respectively). The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Van Wart (15%) and Cambridge (14%) area offices. (**Table 11**)

**TABLE 11. CHILD<sup>(1)</sup> CASELOAD BY DCF AREA OFFICE: FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

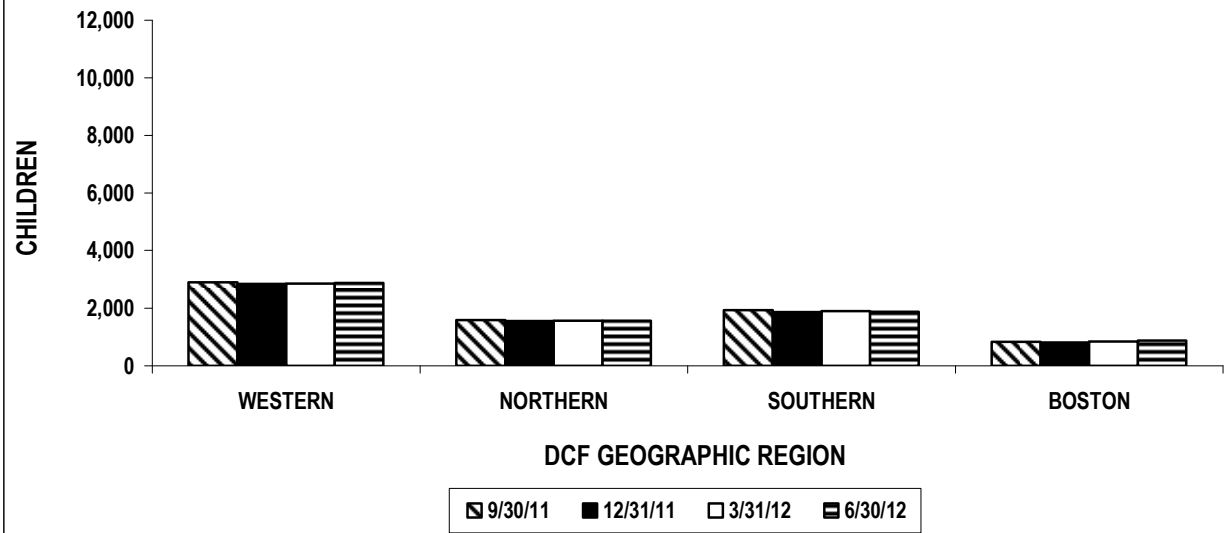
DCF Region/Area	Not in Placement	In Placement	Total Child Caseload	% in Placement
Greenfield	796	270	1,066	25%
Holyoke	1,160	288	1,448	20%
North Central	1,589	366	1,955	19%
Pittsfield	700	314	1,014	31%
Robert Van Wart	1,963	337	2,300	15%
South Central	1,002	260	1,262	21%
Springfield	1,808	411	2,219	19%
Worcester East	1,278	306	1,584	19%
Worcester West	1,178	325	1,503	22%
Contracted Agencies	11	4	15	27%
<b>Western</b>	<b>11,485</b>	<b>2,881</b>	<b>14,366</b>	<b>20%</b>
Cambridge	675	107	782	14%
Cape Ann	753	206	959	21%
Framingham	589	179	768	23%
Haverhill	372	153	525	29%
Lawrence	623	153	776	20%
Lowell	1,178	359	1,537	23%
Lynn	679	227	906	25%
Malden	746	180	926	19%
Contracted Agencies	3	---	3	---
<b>Northern</b>	<b>5,618</b>	<b>1,564</b>	<b>7,182</b>	<b>22%</b>
Arlington	521	148	669	22%
Brockton	1,014	223	1,237	18%
Cape Cod	663	212	875	24%
Coastal	718	204	922	22%
Fall River	949	335	1,284	26%
New Bedford	1,432	345	1,777	19%
Plymouth	754	207	961	22%
Taunton/Attleboro	812	198	1,010	20%
Contracted Agencies	13	2	15	13%
<b>Southern</b>	<b>6,876</b>	<b>1,874</b>	<b>8,750</b>	<b>21%</b>
Dimock Street	733	240	973	25%
Harbor	973	205	1,178	17%
Hyde Park	774	195	969	20%
Park Street	1,106	230	1,336	17%
Contracted Agencies	4	3	7	43%
<b>Boston</b>	<b>3,590</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>4,463</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>3</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>99%</b>
<b>Other <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>7</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>84%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,579</b>	<b>7,467</b>	<b>35,046</b>	<b>21%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.

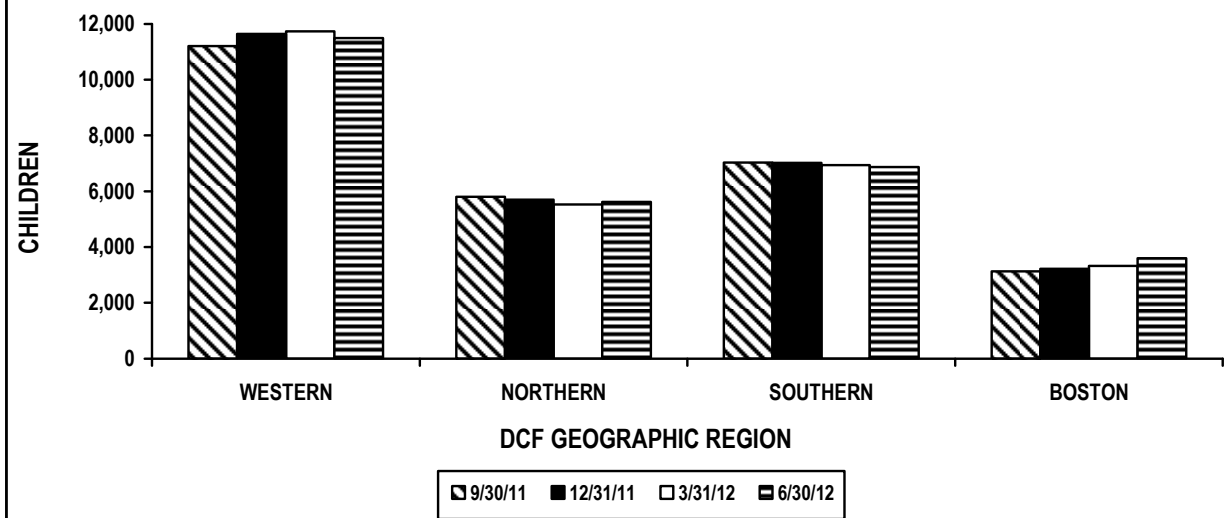
<sup>(2)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**FIGURE 14. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2012, END OF 1ST QUARTER to FY'2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 15. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2012, END OF 1ST QUARTER to FY'2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER)**





## A. Demographics of Consumers in Placement

### (Combined Counts from All Types of Placement)

- At the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, the statewide placement population was comprised of 52% boys and 48% girls. Regionally, the gender difference showed little deviation from the state (**Table 12A, Fig. 16A** on next page). The proportions of male and female children in the placement population were similar to the general population.<sup>9</sup>
- Statewide, 46% of all consumers in placement were White, 17% were Black, 26% were Hispanic/Latino, 2% were Asian, less than 1% were Native American, and 5% were multi-racial. Race had not been identified for 4% of the placement population. (**Table 12A, Fig. 16A**)
- The proportion of minority consumers in placement, as with the local population, was highest in the Boston Region. (**Table 12A**)

**TABLE 12A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: GENDER AND RACE BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE:**  
**FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

FY 2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)														
DCF Geographic Region												Total		
Characteristics	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Adoption Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>		Other <sup>(2)</sup>			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Female	1,575	47%	961	48%	1,062	47%	559	52%	109	46%	44	35%	4,310	48%
Male	1,759	53%	1,048	52%	1,195	53%	525	48%	129	54%	83	65%	4,739	52%
Missing	2	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	*
Total	3,336	100%	2,009	100%	2,257	100%	1,084	100%	238	100%	127	100%	9,051	100%
Race:														
White	1,603	48%	953	47%	1,323	59%	184	17%	102	43%	---	---	4,165	46%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	1,037	31%	605	30%	303	13%	282	26%	66	28%	46	36%	2,339	26%
Black	379	11%	186	9%	342	15%	536	49%	42	18%	36	28%	1,521	17%
Asian	16	*	93	5%	15	1%	20	2%	1	*	38	30%	183	2%
Native American	3	*	3	*	9	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	16	*
Other <sup>(4)</sup>	2	*	2	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	*
Multi-Racial	167	5%	102	5%	159	7%	35	3%	16	7%	---	---	479	5%
Unable to Determine	129	4%	65	3%	106	5%	26	2%	11	5%	7	6%	344	4%
Total	3,336	100%	2,009	100%	2,257	100%	1,084	100%	238	100%	127	100%	9,051	100%

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

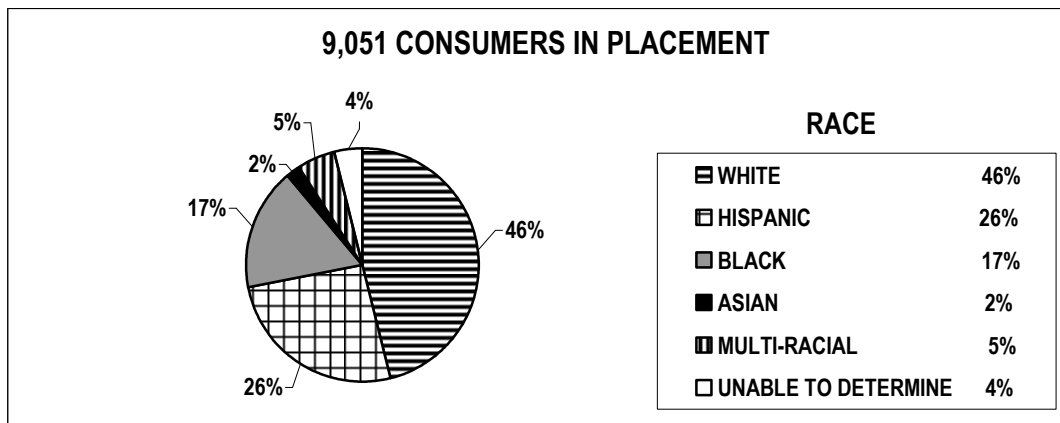
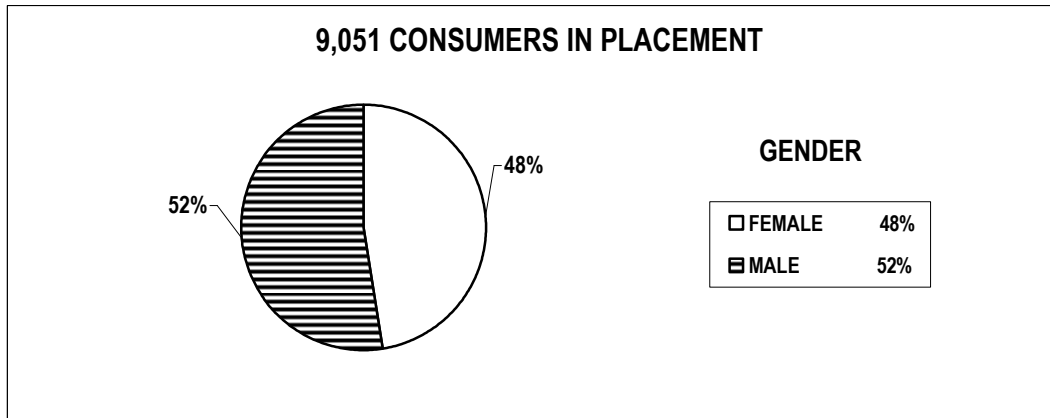
<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

<sup>(3)</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes all races

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

<sup>9</sup> Massachusetts Child Population 2010: 51% male (725,399) and 49% female (693,524). U.S. Census Bureau. Table DP-1. Profile of General Population and Housing Characteristics 2010, Demographic Profile Data Massachusetts (factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?src=bkmk)

**FIGURE 16A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY GENDER AND RACE  
STATEWIDE: FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**



- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DCF Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 36% to 44%. (**Table 12B** on page 30)
- The proportion of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 14% in the Western Region to 22% in the Northern Region. (**Table 12B**)

## B. Permanency Goals of Consumers in Placement and Time in Continuous Care

- The most prominent service plan goals of consumers in placement were Family Reunification (32% of all consumers in placement), Adoption (25%), and Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement<sup>10</sup> (APPLA) (21%). The Boston and Northern Regions had the highest proportions of consumers in placement with a goal of APPLA. (**Table 12B** on next page, **Fig. 16B** on page 31)
- The remaining service plan goals were: Permanent Care with Kin<sup>11</sup> (7% of all consumers in placement), Guardianship (7%), and Stabilization of Family (5%).
- On 6/30/2012, 39% of the statewide placement population had a length of stay of more than 2 years,<sup>12</sup> 20% had been in continuous care between 1 and 2 years, and 40% for 1 year or less. (**Table 12B, Fig. 16B**)
- The North and Boston had the highest proportions of consumers in continuous care<sup>13</sup> for more than two years (45% and 40%, respectively). The South and West had the highest proportions of consumers in care for one year or less (43% and 42%, respectively). (**Table 12B**)
- **Table 13A** on the next page displays the race of consumers in placement by their length of time in continuous care. There was a tendency for a greater proportion of Black consumers to be in care for more than two years as compared to other races (47% for Black vs. 38% for White, 40% for Hispanic, 34% for Multi-Racial). This racial disparity is mainly due to the larger proportion of Black consumers in placement who were 18 years or older (**Table 13B** on page 33). Consumers 18 years or older accounted for 55% of all consumers in placement for more than 4 years and another 22% who were in placement for 2-4 years (**Table 13C** on page 33).
- Twenty-eight percent of Black consumers in placement had a goal of “Family Reunification,” compared to 32% for Hispanic and 33% for White consumers (**Table 14** on page 32). There was a greater proportion of Black consumers with a goal of “Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement” (APPLA) and a lower proportion with a goal of “Adoption” as compared to White and Hispanic consumers—29% Black vs. 19% White and 21% Hispanic for APPLA; 21% Black vs. 25% Hispanic and 26% White for adoption.

---

<sup>10</sup> The APPLA goal is for youth 16 years or older to establish a lifelong permanent connection, as well as to obtain life skills training and a stable living environment that will support youth development into and through adulthood. This goal includes youths who will be transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health, Developmental Services, and Public Health upon turning 22 years old.

<sup>11</sup> The goal of permanent placement with kin is to provide children with a committed, nurturing, and lifelong relationship in a licensed kinship family setting.

<sup>12</sup> Length of stay in placement, as measured by a “point-in-time snapshot” of consumers residing in care, is not representative of all individuals who spend time in care during some specified period. It is biased because consumers in continuous long-term placement are over-represented in “snapshot” counts while many others who enter and leave placement quickly are not counted at all.

<sup>13</sup> Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child’s most recent home removal episode start date to the Quarter End Date (June 30, 2012).

**TABLE 12B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE  
BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE: FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region												Total No.    %	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Adoption Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>		Other <sup>(2)</sup>			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Age Group:														
( 0 - 2 yrs)	552	17%	239	12%	342	15%	143	13%	38	16%	---	---	1,314	15%
( 3 - 5 yrs)	412	12%	209	10%	300	13%	98	9%	58	24%	2	2%	1,079	12%
( 6 - 11 yrs)	622	19%	291	14%	430	19%	160	15%	93	39%	6	5%	1,602	18%
(12 - 17 yrs)	1,295	39%	825	41%	802	36%	472	44%	49	21%	29	23%	3,472	38%
18 or older	455	14%	445	22%	383	17%	211	19%	---	---	90	71%	1,584	18%
Total	3,336	100%	2,009	100%	2,257	100%	1,084	100%	238	100%	127	100%	9,051	100%
Service Plan Goals:														
Family Reunification	1,136	34%	586	29%	791	35%	363	33%	3	1%	---	---	2,879	32%
Adoption	911	27%	448	22%	522	23%	192	18%	217	91%	---	---	2,290	25%
APPLA <sup>(3)</sup>	565	17%	506	25%	457	20%	280	26%	1	*	69	54%	1,878	21%
Permanent Care with Kin	223	7%	175	9%	153	7%	57	5%	2	1%	30	24%	640	7%
Guardianship	207	6%	136	7%	172	8%	100	9%	13	5%	---	---	628	7%
Stabilization of Family	189	6%	100	5%	103	5%	50	5%	---	---	---	---	442	5%
Unspecified as of run-date	105	3%	58	3%	59	3%	42	4%	2	1%	28	22%	294	3%
Total	3,336	100%	2,009	100%	2,257	100%	1,084	100%	238	100%	127	100%	9,051	100%
Continuous Time in Care:														
(.5 yr or less)	865	26%	486	24%	578	26%	272	25%	4	2%	20	16%	2,225	25%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	520	16%	265	13%	375	17%	159	15%	16	7%	15	12%	1,350	15%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	392	12%	230	11%	300	13%	134	12%	44	18%	17	13%	1,117	12%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	293	9%	137	7%	189	8%	87	8%	30	13%	17	13%	753	8%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	660	20%	412	21%	387	17%	187	17%	72	30%	37	29%	1,755	19%
> 4 yrs	606	18%	479	24%	428	19%	245	23%	72	30%	21	17%	1,851	20%
Total	3,336	100%	2,009	100%	2,257	100%	1,084	100%	238	100%	127	100%	9,051	100%

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

<sup>(3)</sup> Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

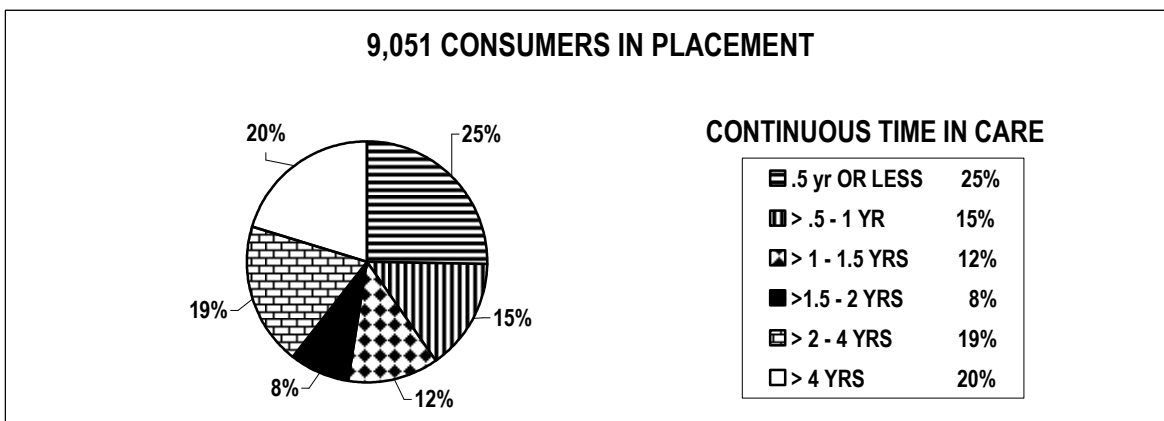
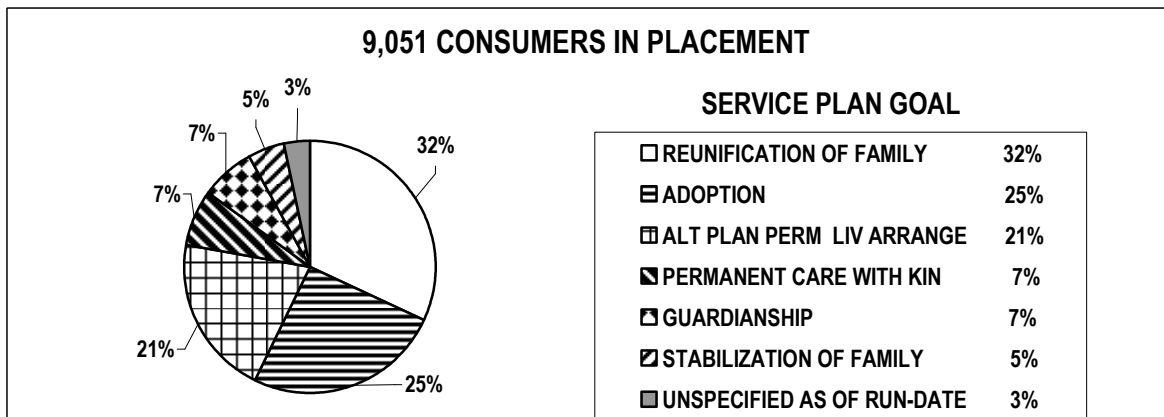
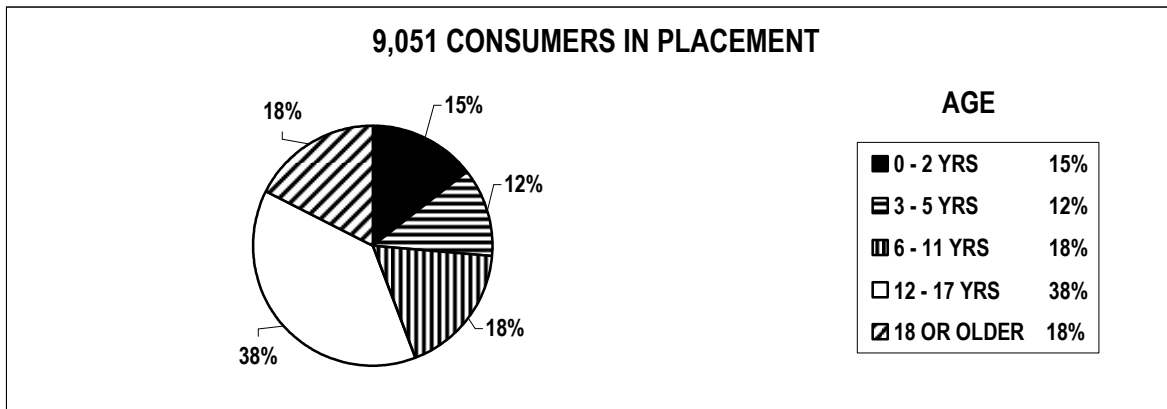
**TABLE 13A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:  
STATEWIDE FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers															Total		
	White		Hispanic/ Latino <sup>(1)</sup>		Black		Asian		Native American		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	1,057	25%	577	25%	304	20%	41	22%	1	6%	2	50%	135	28%	108	31%	2,225	25%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	647	16%	355	15%	202	13%	16	9%	5	31%	1	25%	61	13%	63	18%	1,350	15%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	521	13%	283	12%	175	12%	25	14%	3	19%	---	---	74	15%	36	10%	1,117	12%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	347	8%	184	8%	135	9%	12	7%	1	6%	---	---	47	10%	27	8%	753	8%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	781	19%	462	20%	284	19%	60	33%	4	25%	---	---	96	20%	68	20%	1,755	19%
> 4 yrs	812	19%	478	20%	421	28%	29	16%	2	13%	1	25%	66	14%	42	12%	1,851	20%
Total	4,165	100%	2,339	100%	1,521	100%	183	100%	16	100%	4	100%	479	100%	344	100%	9,051	100%

<sup>(1)</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes all races

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**FIGURE 16B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT  
STATEWIDE: FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**



**TABLE 14. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:  
STATEWIDE FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers																Total	
	White		Hispanic/ Latino <sup>(1)</sup>		Black		Asian		Native American		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	1,361	33%	758	32%	425	28%	41	22%	4	25%	2	50%	177	37%	111	32%	2,879	32%
Adoption	1,094	26%	578	25%	318	21%	26	14%	7	44%	---	---	156	33%	111	32%	2,290	25%
APPLA <sup>(3)</sup>	774	19%	495	21%	448	29%	62	34%	2	13%	---	---	60	13%	37	11%	1,878	21%
Permanent Care with Kin	299	7%	153	7%	121	8%	27	15%	2	13%	---	---	14	3%	24	7%	640	7%
Guardianship	318	8%	147	6%	97	6%	9	5%	1	6%	1	25%	35	7%	20	6%	628	7%
Stabilization of Family	195	5%	131	6%	58	4%	10	5%	---	---	1	25%	26	5%	21	6%	442	5%
Unspecified as of run-date	124	3%	77	3%	54	4%	8	4%	---	---	---	---	11	2%	20	6%	294	3%
Total	4,165	100%	2,339	100%	1,521	100%	183	100%	16	100%	4	100%	479	100%	344	100%	9,051	100%

<sup>(1)</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes all races

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

<sup>(3)</sup> Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 15. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:  
STATEWIDE FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

Service Plan Goal	Age Group of Consumers										Total No. %	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Family Reunification	575	20%	368	13%	575	20%	1,333	46%	28	1%	2,879	100%
Adoption	610	27%	581	25%	733	32%	362	16%	4	*	2,290	100%
APPLA <sup>(1)</sup>	2	*	---	---	---	---	542	29%	1,334	71%	1,878	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	2	*	5	1%	28	4%	485	76%	120	19%	640	100%
Guardianship	36	6%	82	13%	160	25%	337	54%	13	2%	628	100%
Stabilization of Family	42	10%	30	7%	73	17%	255	58%	42	10%	442	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	47	16%	13	4%	33	11%	158	54%	43	15%	294	100%
Total	1,314	15%	1,079	12%	1,602	18%	3,472	38%	1,584	18%	9,051	100%

<sup>(1)</sup> Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 16. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:  
STATEWIDE FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

Service Plan Goal	Continuous Time in Placement										Total			
	(.5yr or less)		(> .5 - 1 yr)		(>1 - 1.5 yrs)		(>1.5 - 2 yrs)		(>2 - 4 yrs)				> 4 yrs	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	1,478	51%	758	26%	321	11%	123	4%	152	5%	47	2%	2,879	100%
Adoption	88	4%	289	13%	435	19%	314	14%	738	32%	426	19%	2,290	100%
APPLA <sup>(1)</sup>	88	5%	135	7%	145	8%	154	8%	451	24%	905	48%	1,878	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	19	3%	31	5%	46	7%	51	8%	170	27%	323	50%	640	100%
Guardianship	18	3%	67	11%	133	21%	101	16%	206	33%	103	16%	628	100%
Stabilization of Family	298	67%	52	12%	26	6%	7	2%	25	6%	34	8%	442	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	236	80%	18	6%	11	4%	3	1%	13	4%	13	4%	294	100%
Total	2,225	25%	1,350	15%	1,117	12%	753	8%	1,755	19%	1,851	20%	9,051	100%

<sup>(1)</sup> Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 13B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND AGE GROUP:  
STATEWIDE FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

Race	Age Group of Consumers										Total	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
White	648	16%	525	13%	784	19%	1,548	37%	660	16%	4,165	100%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(1)</sup>	292	12%	248	11%	406	17%	976	42%	417	18%	2,339	100%
Black	157	10%	148	10%	243	16%	601	40%	372	24%	1,521	100%
Asian	9	5%	19	10%	18	10%	74	40%	63	34%	183	100%
Native American	6	38%	4	25%	---	---	5	31%	1	6%	16	100%
Other <sup>(2)</sup>	---	---	1	25%	---	---	3	75%	---	---	4	100%
Multi-Racial	97	20%	84	18%	100	21%	160	33%	38	8%	479	100%
Unable to Determine	105	31%	50	15%	51	15%	105	31%	33	10%	344	100%
Total	1,314	15%	1,079	12%	1,602	18%	3,472	38%	1,584	18%	9,051	100%

<sup>(1)</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes all races

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**TABLE 13C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:  
STATEWIDE FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

Continuous Time in Care	Age Group of Consumers										Total	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	503	38%	277	26%	399	25%	950	27%	96	6%	2,225	25%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	326	25%	177	16%	241	15%	504	15%	102	6%	1,350	15%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	253	19%	160	15%	206	13%	417	12%	81	5%	1,117	12%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	124	9%	101	9%	165	10%	268	8%	95	6%	753	8%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	108	8%	315	29%	363	23%	623	18%	346	22%	1,755	19%
> 4 yrs	---	---	49	5%	228	14%	710	20%	864	55%	1,851	20%
Total	1,314	100%	1,079	100%	1,602	100%	3,472	100%	1,584	100%	9,051	100%

### **C. Relationship of Age, Race, and Type of Placement to Time in Continuous Care**

- At the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012 (6/30/12), the median time in continuous care was 1.1 years and the median<sup>14</sup> age was 11.0 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. (See table on next page)
- Over the past 20 years, the median age of children in care has ranged from 9.1 to 12.6 years while median time in placement has fluctuated between 1.1 and 1.6 years. The total population of children in placement has decreased from a high of 13,056 in 1995 to 7,467 in 2012. (See table on next page)

<sup>14</sup> Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

<b>Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Median Age (yrs)</b>	<b>Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>
7/93	9.3	1.6	12,577
7/94	9.1	1.4	12,977
7/95	9.2	1.3	13,056
7/96	9.7	1.4	12,643
7/97	10.2	1.4	11,957
9/98	10.2	1.5	10,503
6/99	10.8	1.3	9,834
6/00	11.4	1.3	10,025
6/01	11.5	1.2	9,889
6/02	11.8	1.3	9,932
6/03	12.1	1.3	10,127
6/04	12.3	1.4	9,815
6/05	12.5	1.3	9,439
6/06	12.6	1.2	9,543
6/07	12.6	1.2	9,132
6/08	12.0	1.1	9,287
6/09	11.4	1.2	8,755
6/10	11.5	1.2	8,097
6/11	11.2	1.2	7,841
9/11	11.0	1.2	7,544
12/11	11.1	1.2	7,355
3/12	11.3	1.2	7,455
6/12	11.0	1.1	7,467

- An age breakdown of children in placement by race<sup>15</sup> is presented in the following table. Minority children were a couple of years older than White children. Time in placement was a couple of months longer for Black children compared to White and Hispanic children. (See table below). On 6/30/12, 46% of children less than 18 years old in placement were adolescents. Please note that the statistics in the following table are for children less than 18 years old.

<b>Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement on 6/30/12</b>			
<b>Race</b>	<b>Median Age (yrs)</b>	<b>Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>
White	10.3	1.1	3,505
Black	12.4	1.3	1,149
Hispanic/Latino	12.2	1.1	1,922
Asian	14.2	1.1	120
Native American	4.6	1.3	15
Pacific Islander	----	----	4
Multi-Racial	8.0	1.1	441
Unable to Determine	6.1	0.9	311
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>7,467</b>

<sup>15</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes children of any race.



- The table below displays the median age and continuous time in care for all children less than 18 years old in placement on 6/30/2012. These children may have been in different types of placement prior to this quarter end-date.
- Excluding Pre-Adoptive foster children, Unrestricted, Kinship, and Child Specific foster children are the youngest and have spent the least amount of time in continuous care. Pre-Adoptive foster children have the lowest median age but a relatively longer length of stay—waiting for termination of parental rights.
- Compared to other types of foster care, the 8 children in Independent Living had the highest median age and lowest continuous time in care. One child was 16-17 years old and 7 children were 17-18 years old. They were in school or vocational programs and needed financial support to transition to living independently. Please note that this analysis does not include foster children 18 years or older in the independent living program. Ninety-nine percent of consumers in the foster care Independent Living program were 18 or older (pages 54-55).
- Children in contracted IFC were older and had spent more time in continuous care compared to children in most other types of foster care—the exception being Pre-adoptive foster children.
- Children in the different congregate care programs were similar in age but differed in their length of stay. Most of the Residential children were in residential schools. The group home category of Independent Living includes group homes as well as supervised or supported apartments designed for older adolescents who are developing the skills to live in the community in their own homes or apartments. There were 24 children in this placement service (5 sixteen year olds and 19 seventeen year olds). Eighty-three percent of consumers in the congregate care Independent Living program were 18 years or older (pages 54-55).
- The STARR program is a short-term residential placement service; this is reflected in the 0.1 year median length of stay.

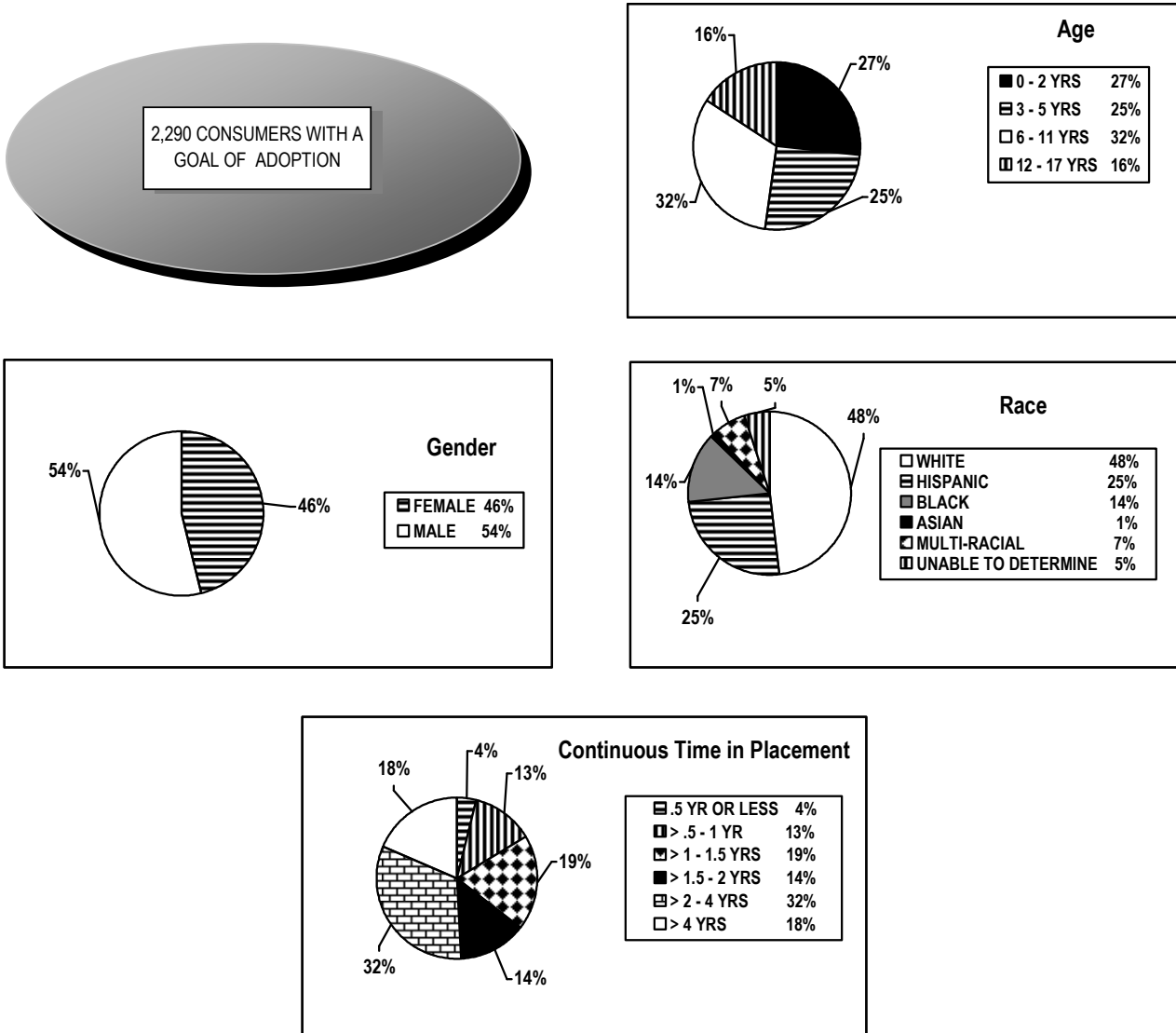
**Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement**

<b>Placement Type as of 6/30/2012</b>	<b>Median Age (yrs)</b>	<b>Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>
Foster Care:			
Unrestricted	5.4	0.8	1,676
Kinship	6.2	1.0	1,757
Child Specific	8.9	1.2	395
Pre-Adoptive	4.8	2.3	428
Independent Living (< 18 yrs)	17.6	0.4	8
IFC (contracted)	14.1	1.7	1,539
Congregate Care:			
Group Home	15.6	1.3	543
Residential	15.5	2.1	466
STARR	14.9	0.1	336
Independent Living (<18 yrs)	17.5	2.7	24
On the Run & Non-Referral Locations	16.3	0.8	295
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>7,467</b>

## **D. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption**

- Out of 2,290 consumers (includes 4 youths over 18 years old) in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,094 (48%) were White, 318 (14%) were Black, 578 (25%) were Hispanic/Latino, 26 (1%) were Asian, 7 (<1%) were Native American, and 156 (7%) were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 111 (5%) consumers. (**Tables 14 and 15** on page 32, **Fig. 17** on next page)
- The age distribution of 2,290 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 27% age 0-2 years, 25% age 3-5 years, 32% age 6-11 years, and 16% age 12-17 years. (**Table 15, Fig. 17**)
- Fifty-four percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 46% were female. (**Fig. 17**)
- Fifty-one percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of adoption had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (**Table 16** on page 32, **Fig. 17**)
- Forty-nine percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of guardianship had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (**Table 16**)

**FIGURE 17. AGE, GENDER, RACE, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT  
OF CONSUMERS WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION  
FY'2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**



- There has been a decline in the number of children<sup>16</sup> in placement with a goal of adoption since 1994 (peak value of 4,522). In 1997, this group of children with a goal of adoption fell below 4,000 for the first time since 1991. In 2001, children in placement with a goal of adoption dropped below 3,000. Over the years, changes in the number of children with a goal of adoption have often coincided with changes in the placement population. (See table below)
- Over the past 22 years, there have been relatively minor fluctuations in the proportion of children in placement with a goal of adoption—ranging from a high of 35% in 1994 to a low of 26% in 2006. For the past three years, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption has been stable at 31-32%. (See table below)

### Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement

<b>Date mo/yr</b>	<b>Children in Placement</b>	<b>Children in Placement with a Goal of Adoption</b>	<b>% of Children with a Goal of Adoption</b>
7/91	12,397	3,541	29%
7/92	12,311	4,116	33%
7/93	12,577	4,244	34%
7/94	12,977	4,522	35%
7/95	13,056	4,352	33%
7/96	12,463	4,251	34%
7/97	11,957	3,673	31%
12/97	11,170	3,489	31%
9/98	10,503	3,393	32%
6/99	9,834	3,107	32%
6/00	10,025	3,175	32%
6/01	9,889	2,860	29%
6/02	9,932	2,837	29%
6/03	10,127	2,861	28%
6/04	9,815	2,763	28%
6/05	9,439	2,573	27%
6/06	9,543	2,452	26%
6/07	9,132	2,549	28%
6/08	9,287	2,494	27%
6/09	8,755	2,525	29%
6/10	8,097	2,478	31%
6/11	7,841	2,468	31%
9/11	7,544	2,390	32%
12/11	7,355	2,368	32%
3/12	7,455	2,340	31%
6/12	7,467	2,286	31%

NOTES: Children are less than 18 years old

<sup>16</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.

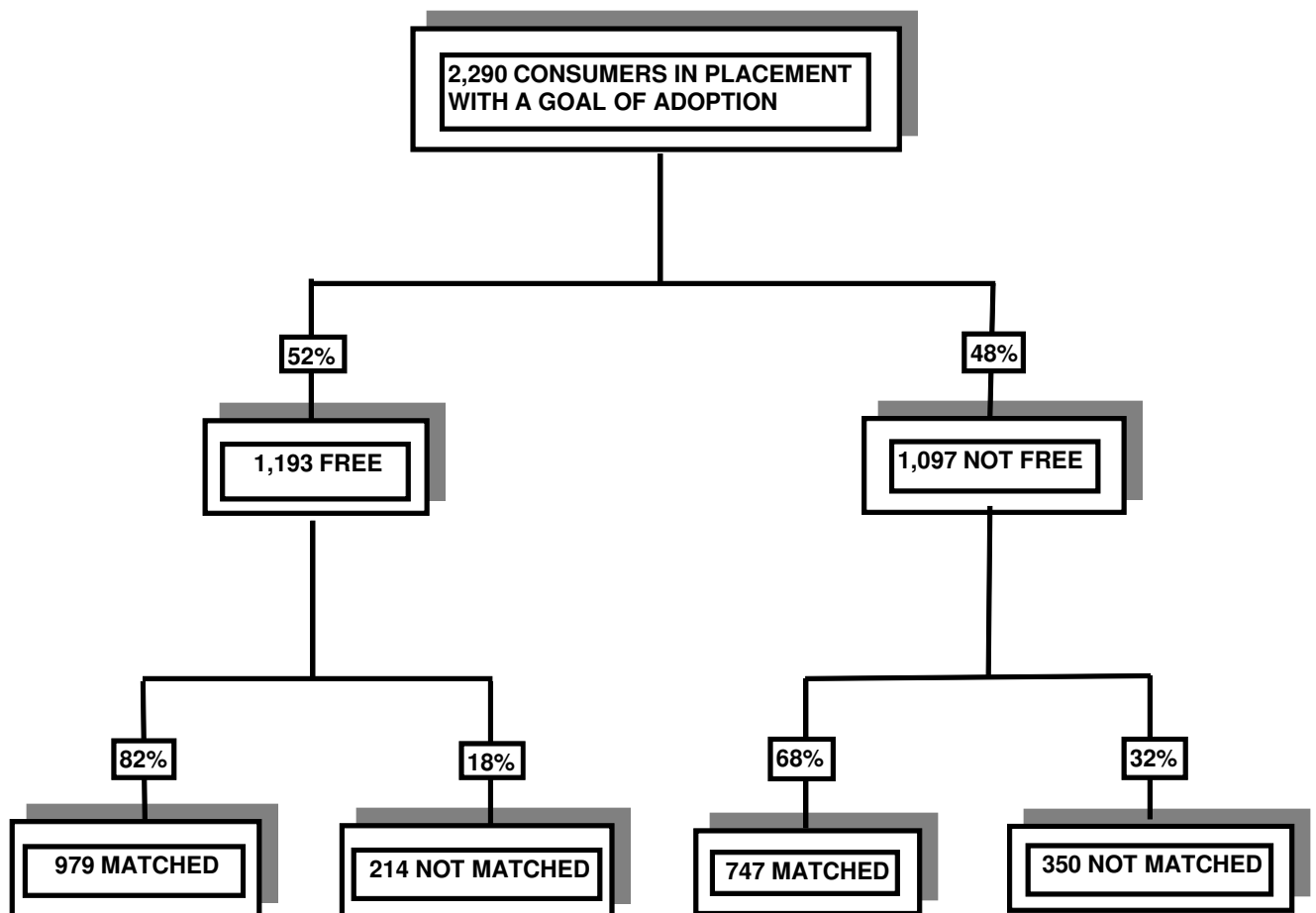
- Of the 2,290 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 52% were legally free for adoption. Eighty-two percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. (**Fig. 18** on next page)
- The adolescent age group had the highest proportion of children who were legally free for adoption (see table below). The larger proportions of older children legally free is a reflection of the difficulty in achieving adoptions for older children. The younger children who are legally free are being adopted while the adolescents who are legally free are “stuck” in placement. A separate analysis of children adopted in FY’2011 showed that the proportion of older children (12-17 years old) who were adopted accounted for only 7% of all adoptions. The amount of time from being legally freed to adoption is much longer for these older children.

	Children in Placement 6/30/12		% Legally Free for Adoption
	Children with Goal of Adoption & Legally Free for Adoption	All Children with Goal of Adoption	
Age Group (years)	No.	No.	%
0 – 2	251	610	41%
3 – 5	323	581	56%
6 – 11	404	733	55%
12 – 17	212	362	59%
<b>Total</b>	1,190	2,286	52%

Note: These children are less than 18 years old. Parental consent to adoption is not required once a child reaches 18 years of age.

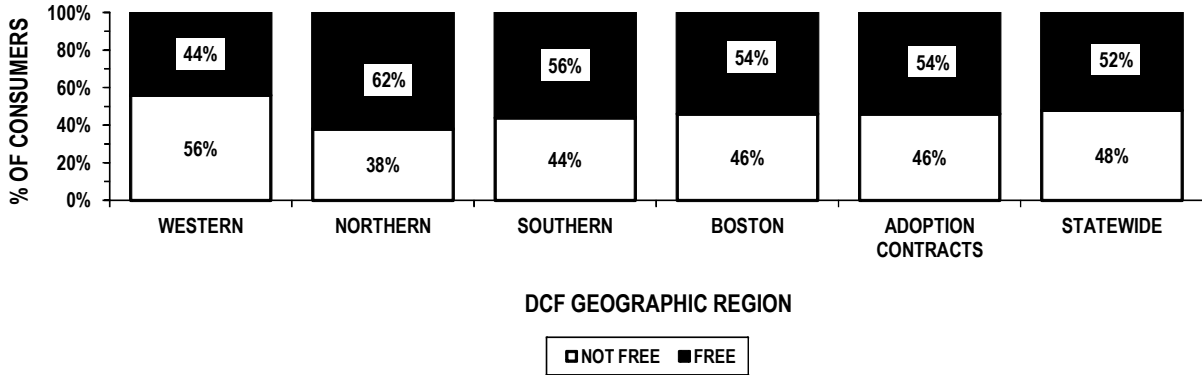
- Of those children with a goal of adoption who were not legally free for adoption (48%), 68% were matched to permanent families (**Fig. 18**).
- The proportion of children in placement with a goal of adoption who were legally free for adoption ranged from 44% in the West to 62% in the North (**Fig. 19** on page 41). On an area office basis, the proportion of legally free children ranged from 34% in North Central to 87% in Lawrence (**Appendix Table A8** on page 73).
- The proportion of children in placement with a goal of adoption who were matched to a permanent family ranged from 59% in Boston to 80% in the West (**Fig. 20** on page 41). Matching a child to an adoptive family can occur before, during, or after the legal proceedings to free a child for adoption. At the area level, the proportion of children matched to a permanent family ranged from 52% in Lynn (81 children) to 100% in Arlington (12 children) (**Appendix Table A9** on page 74).

**FIGURE 18. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION:  
LEGAL STATUS AND MATCH STATUS  
FY'2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

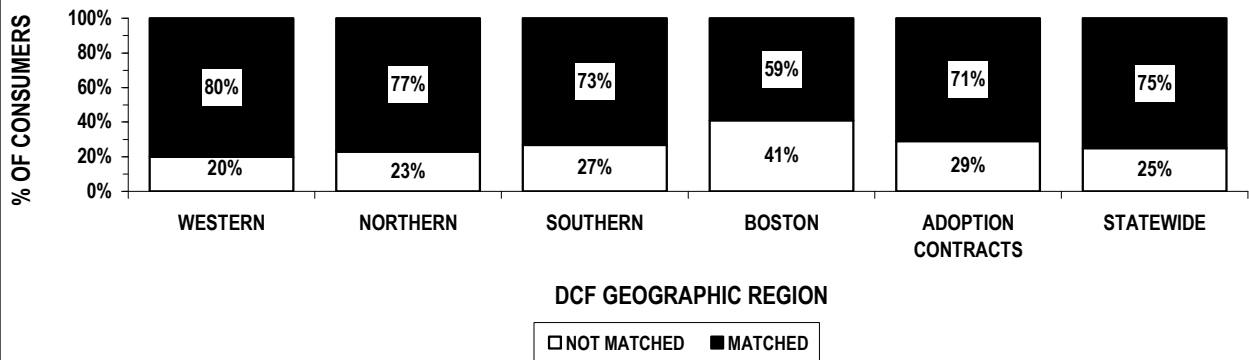


Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption  
Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 19. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION  
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS  
FY'2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**



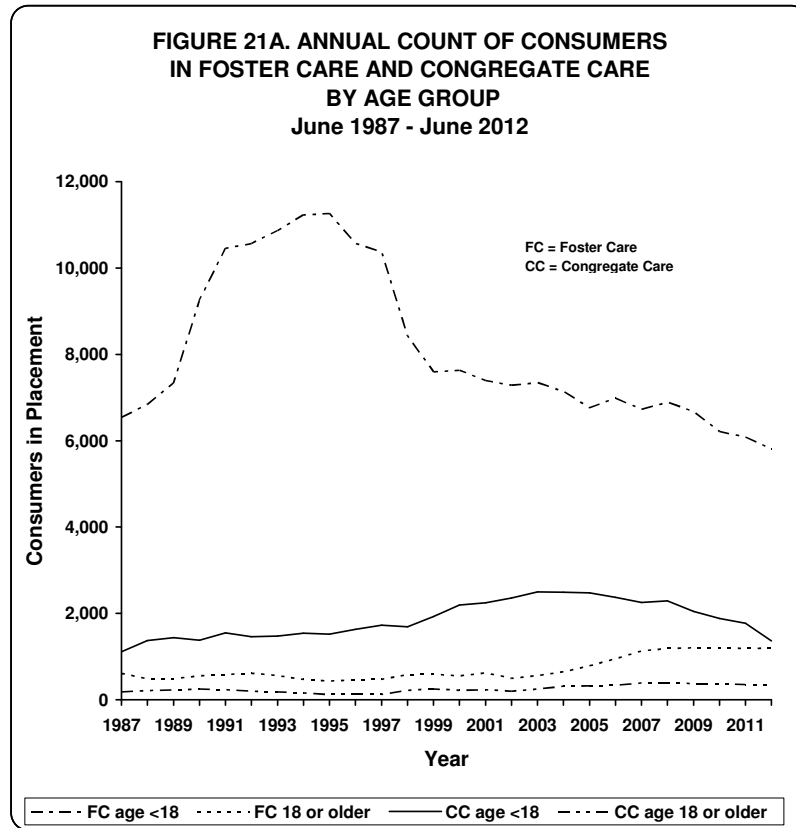
**FIGURE 20. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION  
AND WHETHER MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY  
FY'2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**



## E. Foster and Congregate Care

### Trends

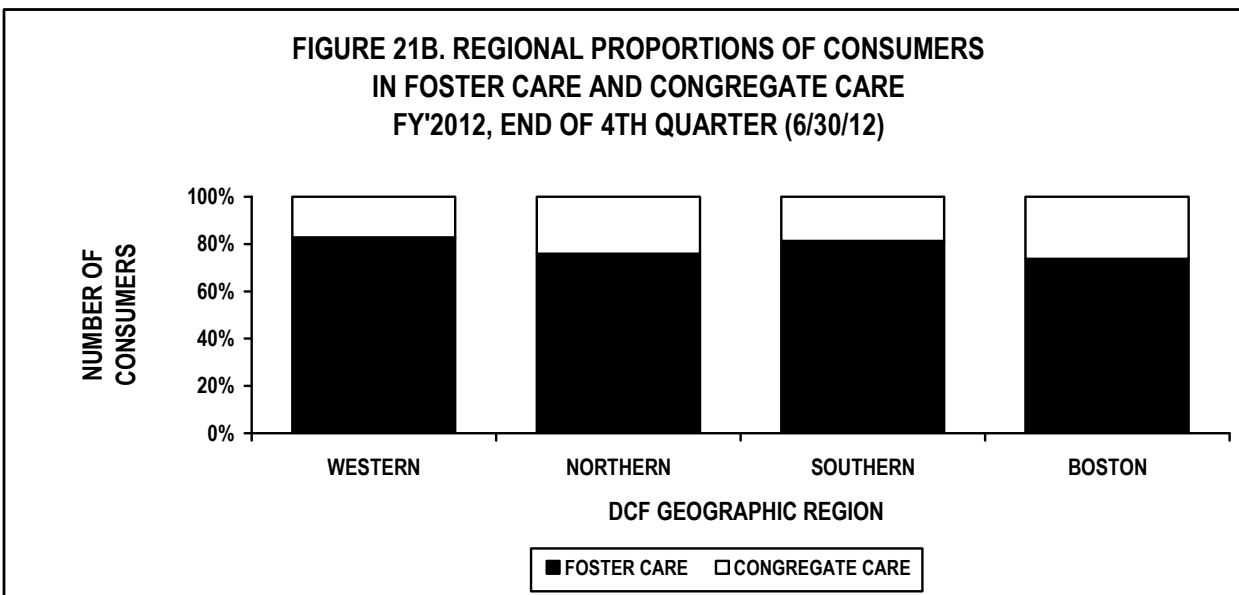
- The foster and congregate care populations have been declining at different rates for varying lengths of time (**Fig. 21A**). Further differences become evident when separate counts of foster and congregate care consumers are displayed by age group—less than 18 years old vs. 18 years or older (**Fig. 21A**).



- Annual counts of consumers less than 18 years old in foster care have been declining since 1995 (**Fig. 21A**). The most precipitous decline occurred from 1995 to 1999; thereafter, the decline progressed at a more moderate rate. Compared to foster care, counts of children less than 18 years old in congregate care have been more stable over the years (**Fig. 21A**). The congregate care population gradually increased during 1987 to 2003. In 2003, it began a downward trend which continued through 2012.
- The number of foster and congregate care children 18 years old or older fluctuated but remained relatively stable from 1987 to 2002 (**Fig. 21A**). In 2003, these populations of young adults began increasing and reached a plateau that extended from 2007 to 2012—around 1,200 individuals in foster care and 350-390 in congregate care (**Fig. 21A**). Children in DCF custody/care who are turning 18 years old have an opportunity to sign a voluntary placement agreement. They are supported by DCF until graduation from a full-time school and vocational training program (through age 23 for a Bachelor's Degree).



- There were 6,997 consumers in foster care and 1,715 consumers in congregate care<sup>17</sup> on the last day of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012. (**Table 17A** on page 45, **Fig. 21B**)



- Adolescents (12-17 years) were the primary age group in foster care (27-31% range across regions) and congregate care (68-72% range across regions). (**Table 17A**)
- Adolescents were also the primary age group in “Other” placement locations<sup>18</sup> (71-87% regional range). (**Table 17A**)
- The foster care racial proportions ranged from: White—19% in Boston to 60% in the South; Black—9% in the North to 49% in Boston; and Hispanic/Latino—13% in the South to 32% in the West (**Table 18A** on page 48). The congregate care racial proportions by region were similar to those for foster care (**Table 18A**).
- The racial distribution of the foster care and congregate care populations by region and type of program/model are presented in **Tables 18B and 18C** (pages 49-50).

<sup>17</sup>Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

<sup>18</sup>“Other” includes locations like hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies, as well as children on the run from placement.

- There were 1,790 consumers in “Intensive” foster care<sup>19</sup> (IFC) and 5,207 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (34% of consumers), kinship (35%), child specific (9%), pre-adoptive (8%), and independent living (14%).<sup>20</sup> (**Table 17B** on page 46 or **Table 18B** on page 49)
- A breakdown of the number of consumers in Departmental foster care by region is displayed in **Fig. 22B** on page 51.
- The proportions of consumers in different types of foster care are shown for each region in **Figure 22A** (page 51). Consumers in unrestricted homes were most prevalent in the West and South. The South also had the largest proportion of consumers in kinship homes. The proportion of consumers in child-specific homes was similar among regions. The West had the highest proportion of consumers in pre-adoptive homes. Consumers in independent living were proportionally higher in the North and Boston as compared to the other regions. The North and Boston had the largest proportions of consumers in intensive foster care. (**Fig. 22A**)
- The major congregate care programs were group homes (781 consumers), residential (598), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration also known as STARR)<sup>21</sup> (336 consumers). (**Table 17C** on page 47)
- The proportions of consumers in different types of congregate care are shown for each region in **Figure 23A** (on page 52). The West and North had the highest proportions of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential placements was most significant in the Boston Region. The proportion of children in STARR placements was greater in the South. (**Fig. 23A, Table 17C**)
- Regional counts of consumers in group home, residential, and STARR programs are presented in **Fig. 23B** on page 52 and **Table 17C**.
- Consumers in the residential program were mostly situated in Residential schools.<sup>22</sup> (**Table 17C**)
- The primary models in the group home program were behavioral treatment residence (BTR) (377 consumers), group home (265), and independent living (139). (**Table 17C**)

---

<sup>19</sup>Intensive Foster Care encompasses and expands upon services formerly known as “Contracted” Foster Care (Therapeutic, Diagnostic, Independent Living, Emergency Shelter, and Other models). IFC programs provide therapeutic services and supports in a family-based placement setting to children and youth for whom a traditional foster care environment is not sufficiently supportive, who are transitioning from a residential/group home level of care and require the intensity of services available through this program, or who are being discharged from a hospital setting.

<sup>20</sup> The Departmental foster care category of independent living represents payment of the foster care rate directly to youth to subsidize their room and board expenses.

<sup>21</sup> Services focused on supporting a rapid reintegration or transition to a next placement.

<sup>22</sup> Staff secure placement is for children who have not sufficiently internalized behavioral controls and require a more highly structured setting to help them manage their behavior. These facilities are licensed by the Department of Education. Special education services are provided according to the child’s Individual Education Plan (IEP).

**TABLE 17A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Age Group	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western		2,681		555		100		3,336
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	548	20%	---	---	4	4%	552
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	405	15%	4	1%	3	3%	412
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	536	20%	66	12%	20	20%	622
	(12 - 17 yrs)	835	31%	389	70%	71	71%	1,295
	18 or older	357	13%	96	17%	2	2%	455
Northern		1,456		462		91		2,009
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	236	16%	---	---	3	3%	239
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	204	14%	2	*	3	3%	209
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	256	18%	27	6%	8	9%	291
	(12 - 17 yrs)	437	30%	320	69%	68	75%	825
	18 or older	323	22%	113	24%	9	10%	445
Southern		1,789		410		58		2,257
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	341	19%	---	---	1	2%	342
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	293	16%	7	2%	---	---	300
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	377	21%	50	12%	3	5%	430
	(12 - 17 yrs)	477	27%	280	68%	45	78%	802
	18 or older	301	17%	73	18%	9	16%	383
Boston		749		267		68		1,084
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	143	19%	---	---	---	---	143
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	96	13%	2	1%	---	---	98
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	139	19%	19	7%	2	3%	160
	(12 - 17 yrs)	221	30%	192	72%	59	87%	472
	18 or older	150	20%	54	20%	7	10%	211
Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup>		229		6		3		238
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	38	17%	---	---	---	---	38
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	56	24%	1	17%	1	33%	58
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	90	39%	2	33%	1	33%	93
	(12 - 17 yrs)	45	20%	3	50%	1	33%	49
Other <sup>(4)</sup>		93		15		19		127
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	2	2%	---	---	---	---	2
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	5	5%	1	7%	---	---	6
	(12 - 17 yrs)	23	25%	4	27%	2	11%	29
	18 or older	63	68%	10	67%	17	89%	90
Total	Total	6,997		1,715		339		9,051

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

(1) Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

(2) "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies, as well as consumers on the run from placement.

(3) Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

(4) Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**TABLE 17B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>		Foster Care							Foster Care Total
		Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					
				Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
Age Group		Foster Care	Other						
Western		634	35	199	208	657	194	754	2,681
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	13	3	25	---	189	67	251	548
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	31	3	40	---	143	54	134	405
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	103	3	41	---	167	54	168	536
	(12 - 17 yrs)	409	18	73	5	144	16	170	835
	18 or older	78	8	20	203	14	3	31	357
Northern		406	31	100	217	337	58	307	1,456
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	40	2	15	---	76	15	88	236
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	36	7	20	---	73	22	46	204
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	72	3	11	---	91	13	66	256
	(12 - 17 yrs)	204	8	40	---	88	8	89	437
	18 or older	54	11	14	217	9	---	18	323
Southern		363	19	102	174	554	94	483	1,789
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	13	1	15	---	121	37	154	341
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	24	3	13	---	140	20	93	293
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	67	3	15	---	161	31	100	377
	(12 - 17 yrs)	210	4	34	3	114	5	107	477
	18 or older	49	8	25	171	18	1	29	301
Boston		198	10	51	99	213	30	148	749
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	6	4	18	---	62	6	47	143
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	8	2	6	---	38	10	32	96
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	48	2	7	---	59	9	14	139
	(12 - 17 yrs)	104	2	12	---	49	5	49	221
	18 or older	32	---	8	99	5	---	6	150
Adoption Contracts <sup>(2)</sup>		64	1	10		42	56	56	229
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	2	---	2	---	7	10	17	38
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	12	---	1	---	10	16	17	56
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	27	1	6	---	19	20	17	90
	(12 - 17 yrs)	23	---	1	---	6	10	5	45
Other <sup>(3)</sup>		29	---	2	23	---	---	39	93
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	---	1	2
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	3	---	---	---	---	---	2	5
	(12 - 17 yrs)	14	---	---	---	---	---	9	23
	18 or older	11	---	2	23	---	---	27	63
Total		1,694	96	464	721	1,803	432	1,787	6,997

<sup>(1)</sup> Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

<sup>(2)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**TABLE 17C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Congregate Care						Total
	Group Home			Residential		STARR <sup>(3)</sup>	
	Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential <sup>(2)</sup>		
Western	162	96	22	152	4	119	555
( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	3	4
( 6 - 11 yrs)	15	11	---	19	---	21	66
(12 - 17 yrs)	133	55	---	104	2	95	389
18 or older	14	29	22	29	2		96
Northern	88	66	75	147	3	83	462
( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	2
( 6 - 11 yrs)	8	3	---	11	---	5	27
(12 - 17 yrs)	72	50	13	107	2	76	320
18 or older	8	13	62	29	1		113
Southern	72	61	17	154	4	102	410
( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	7	7
( 6 - 11 yrs)	12	3	---	13	---	22	50
(12 - 17 yrs)	55	42	3	106	1	73	280
18 or older	5	16	14	35	3		73
Boston	54	38	22	117	8	28	267
( 3 - 5 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	1	2
( 6 - 11 yrs)	5	2	---	8	---	4	19
(12 - 17 yrs)	43	30	8	83	5	23	192
18 or older	5	6	14	26	3		54
Adoption Contracts <sup>(4)</sup>	1	---	---	1	---	4	6
( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
( 6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	1	---	1	2
(12 - 17 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	2	3
Other <sup>(5)</sup>	---	4	3	7	1	---	15
( 6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
(12 - 17 yrs)	---	1	---	3	---	---	4
18 or older	---	3	3	3	1	---	10
Total	377	265	139	578	20	336	1,715

<sup>(1)</sup> Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

<sup>(2)</sup> "Old" taxonomy includes teen pregnancy/parenting group home.

<sup>(3)</sup> STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

<sup>(4)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**TABLE 18A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

		Placement Location of Consumers						
DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Race	Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		Total No.
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western		2,681		555		100		3,336
	White	1,278	48%	280	50%	45	45%	1,603
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	845	32%	162	29%	30	30%	1,037
	Black	292	11%	73	13%	14	14%	379
	Asian	14	1%	1	*	1	1%	16
	Native American	3	*	---	---	---	---	3
	Other <sup>(4)</sup>	1	*	---	---	1	1%	2
	Multi-Racial	135	5%	25	5%	7	7%	167
	Unable to Determine	113	4%	14	3%	2	2%	129
Northern		1,456		462		91		2,009
	White	677	46%	236	51%	40	44%	953
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	447	31%	130	28%	28	31%	605
	Black	130	9%	50	11%	6	7%	186
	Asian	73	5%	13	3%	7	8%	93
	Native American	2	*	1	*	---	---	3
	Other <sup>(4)</sup>	1	*	1	*	---	---	2
	Multi-Racial	73	5%	20	4%	9	10%	102
	Unable to Determine	53	4%	11	2%	1	1%	65
Southern		1,789		410		58		2,257
	White	1,066	60%	229	56%	28	48%	1,323
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	236	13%	52	13%	15	26%	303
	Black	250	14%	82	20%	10	17%	342
	Asian	11	1%	3	1%	1	2%	15
	Native American	9	1%	---	---	---	---	9
	Multi-Racial	131	7%	27	7%	1	2%	159
	Unable to Determine	86	5%	17	4%	3	5%	106
Boston		749		267		68		1,084
	White	140	19%	38	14%	6	9%	184
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	178	24%	79	30%	25	37%	282
	Black	368	49%	134	50%	34	50%	536
	Asian	15	2%	4	1%	1	1%	20
	Native American	1	*	---	---	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	29	4%	5	2%	1	1%	35
	Unable to Determine	18	2%	7	3%	1	1%	26
Adoption Contracts <sup>(5)</sup>		229		6		3		238
	White	97	42%	4	67%	1	33%	102
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	63	28%	1	17%	2	67%	66
	Asian	1	*	---	---	---	---	1
	Black	42	18%	---	---	---	---	42
	Multi-Racial	15	7%	1	17%	---	---	16
	Unable to Determine	11	5%	---	---	---	---	11
Other <sup>(6)</sup>		93		15		19		127
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(3)</sup>	25	27%	8	53%	13	68%	46
	Black	32	34%	2	13%	2	11%	36
	Asian	35	38%	2	13%	1	5%	38
	Unable to Determine	1	1%	3	20%	3	16%	7
Total		6,997		1,715		339		9,051

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

<sup>(2)</sup> "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies, as well as consumers on the run from placement.

<sup>(3)</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes all races

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

<sup>(5)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(6)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**TABLE 18B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

Foster Care									
DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>		Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					Foster Care Total
Age Group		Foster Care	Other	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
Western		634	35	199	208	657	194	754	2,681
	White	261	16	110	96	377	96	322	1,278
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(2)</sup>	226	15	41	65	186	59	253	845
	Black	101	1	28	36	39	16	71	292
	Asian	4	1	---	---	1	1	7	14
	Native American	---	1	1	---	---	---	1	3
	Other <sup>(3)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	Multi-Racial	27	1	9	9	25	12	52	135
	Unable to Determine	15	---	10	2	29	10	47	113
Northern		406	31	100	217	337	58	307	1,456
	White	168	13	51	96	200	21	128	677
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(2)</sup>	131	9	26	67	82	24	108	447
	Black	45	4	7	35	18	3	18	130
	Asian	17	2	5	15	12	2	20	73
	Native American	1	---	---	---	---	1	---	2
	Other <sup>(3)</sup>	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	28	2	5	3	12	5	18	73
	Unable to Determine	15	1	6	1	13	2	15	53
Southern		363	19	102	174	554	94	483	1,789
	White	212	13	69	98	354	50	270	1,066
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(2)</sup>	52	2	7	28	65	10	72	236
	Black	61	4	11	32	58	8	76	250
	Asian	2	---	---	4	1	2	2	11
	Native American	2	---	2	---	3	---	2	9
	Multi-Racial	22	---	5	8	47	11	38	131
	Unable to Determine	12	---	8	4	26	13	23	86
Boston		198	10	51	99	213	30	148	749
	White	41	3	7	16	42	11	20	140
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(2)</sup>	56	3	12	26	50	2	29	178
	Black	86	3	22	53	108	14	82	368
	Asian	3	---	2	3	2	1	4	15
	Native American	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	9	1	6	---	7	1	5	29
	Unable to Determine	3	---	1	1	4	1	8	18
Adoption Contracts <sup>(4)</sup>		64	1	10	---	42	56	56	229
	White	28	1	2	---	24	23	19	97
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(2)</sup>	10	---	5	---	10	17	21	63
	Black	15	---	2	---	6	9	10	42
	Asian	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	1
	Multi-Racial	5	---	---	---	2	5	3	15
	Unable to Determine	6	---	1	---	---	1	3	11
Other <sup>(5)</sup>		29	---	2	23	---	---	39	93
	Hispanic/Latino <sup>(2)</sup>	9	---	---	9	---	---	7	25
	Black	4	---	2	10	---	---	16	32
	Asian	15	---	---	4	---	---	16	35
	Unable to Determine	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Total		1,694	96	464	721	1,803	432	1,787	6,997

<sup>(1)</sup> Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

<sup>(2)</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes all races.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

<sup>(4)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**TABLE 18C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>		Congregate Care						Total
		Group Home			Residential		STARR <sup>(3)</sup>	
		Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential <sup>(2)</sup>		
Western		162	96	22	152	4	119	555
White		84	53	5	77	1	60	280
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(4)</sup>		46	27	6	50	3	30	162
Black		20	11	9	18	---	15	73
Asian		---	---	---	---	---	1	1
Multi-Racial		6	4	1	5	---	9	25
Unable to Determine		6	1	1	2	---	4	14
Northern		88	66	75	147	3	83	462
White		53	33	36	82	2	30	236
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(4)</sup>		23	14	24	39	1	29	130
Black		6	10	12	14	---	8	50
Asian		2	2	1	4	---	4	13
Native American		---	1	---	---	---	---	1
Other <sup>(5)</sup>		---	---	---	1	---	---	1
Multi-Racial		2	5	2	4	---	7	20
Unable to Determine		2	1	---	3	---	5	11
Southern		72	61	17	154	4	102	410
White		43	40	4	92	3	47	229
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(4)</sup>		9	9	2	20	1	11	52
Black		9	9	9	24	---	31	82
Asian		---	1	---	2	---	---	3
Multi-Racial		8	2	1	8	---	8	27
Unable to Determine		3	---	1	8	---	5	17
Boston		54	38	22	117	8	28	267
White		8	5	5	16	1	3	38
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(4)</sup>		17	9	7	34	3	9	79
Black		24	19	7	66	4	14	134
Asian		1	3	---	---	---	---	4
Multi-Racial		1	---	2	1	---	1	5
Unable to Determine		3	2	1	---	---	1	7
Adoption Contracts <sup>(6)</sup>		1	---	---	1	---	4	6
White		1	---	---	1	---	2	4
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(4)</sup>		---	---	---	---	---	1	1
Multi-Racial		---	---	---	---	---	1	1
Other <sup>(7)</sup>		---	4	3	7	1	---	15
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(4)</sup>		---	2	1	5	---	---	8
Black		---	1	1	---	---	---	2
Asian		---	---	1	---	1	---	2
Unable to Determine		---	1	---	2	---	---	3
Total		377	265	139	578	20	336	1,715

<sup>(1)</sup> Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

<sup>(2)</sup> "Old" taxonomy includes teen pregnancy/parenting group home.

<sup>(3)</sup> STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

<sup>(4)</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes all races.

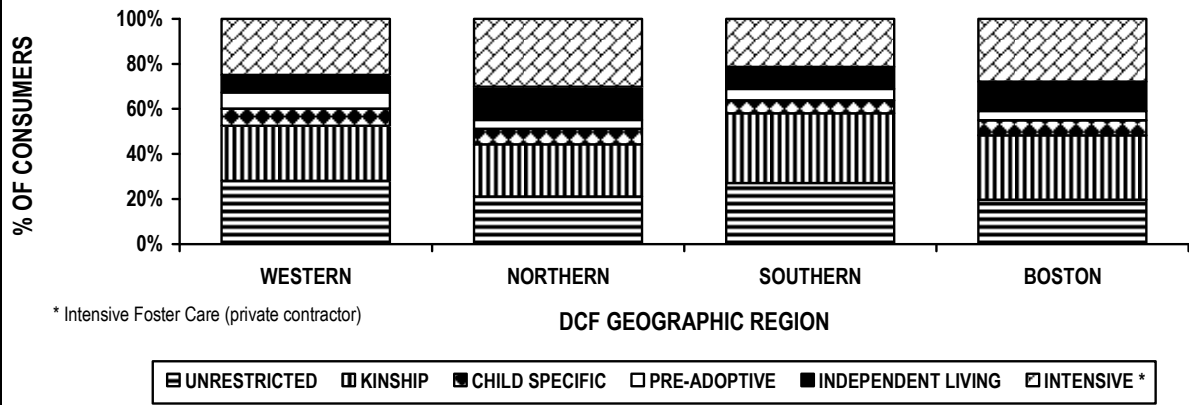
<sup>(5)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

<sup>(6)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

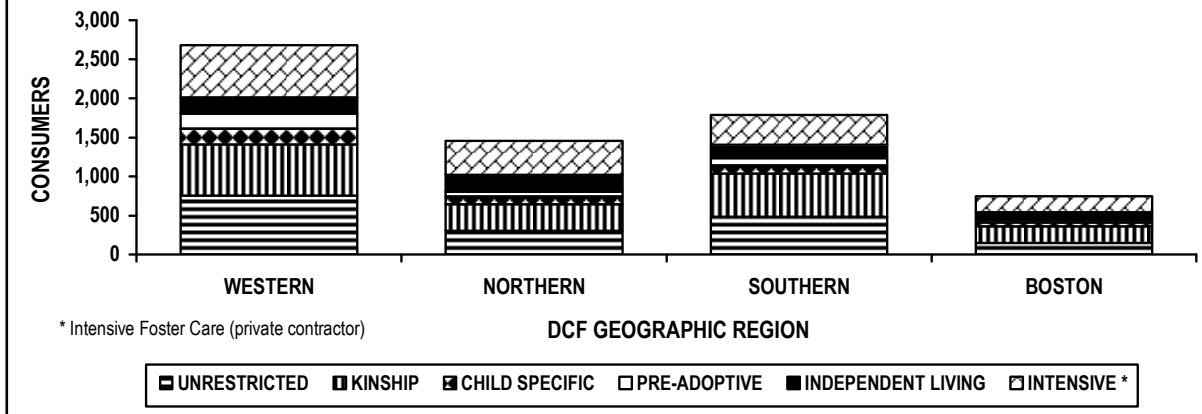
<sup>(7)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.



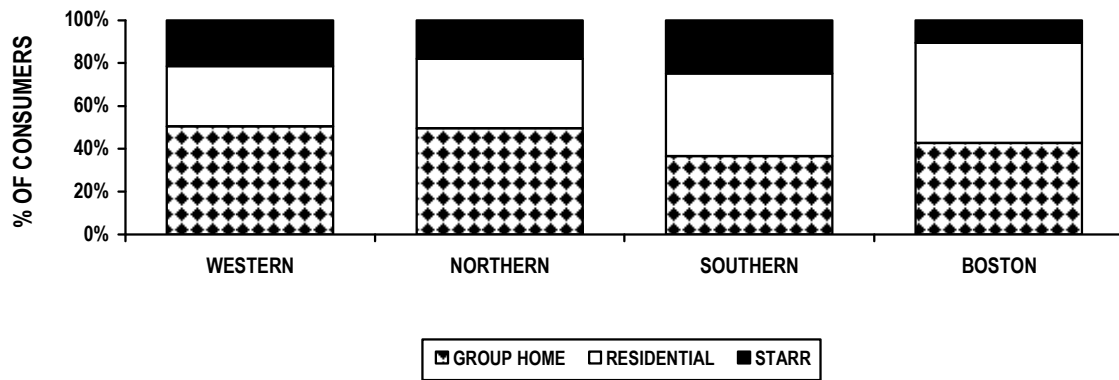
**FIGURE 22A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS  
IN FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**



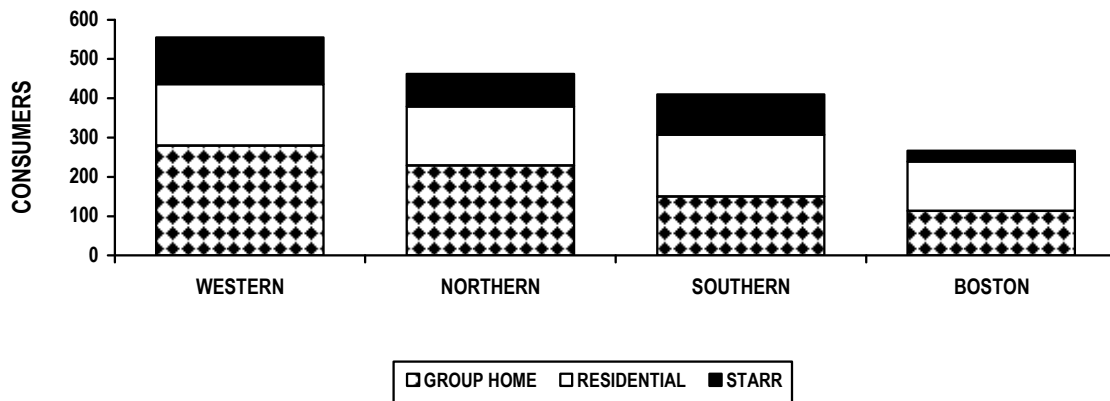
**FIGURE 22B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS  
IN FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**



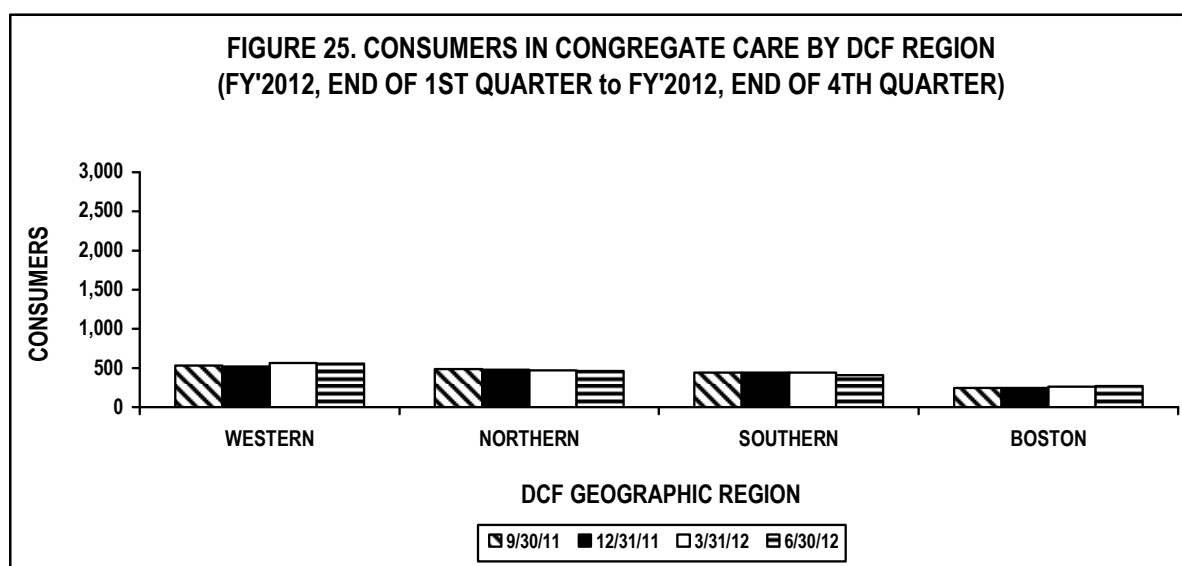
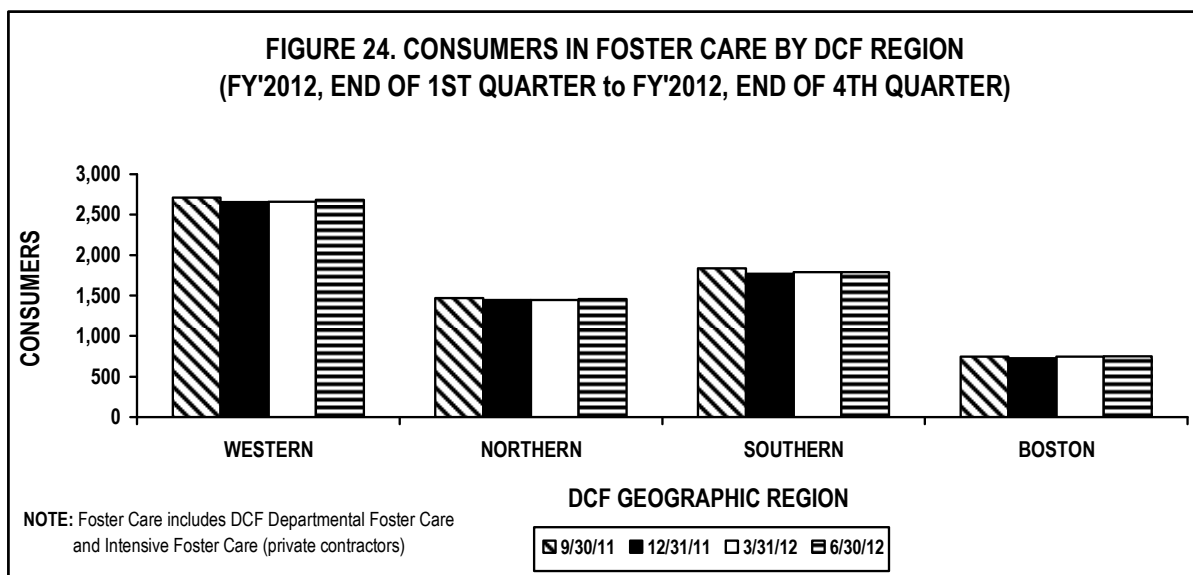
**FIGURE 23A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS  
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**



**FIGURE 23B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS  
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**



- From the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, there was a decrease of 1% in the congregate care population and an increase of 1% in the foster care population (Figs. 24, 25, and 21A on page 42).<sup>23</sup>
- Declines in statewide numbers of consumers in placement, foster care, and congregate care most often occur in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter (and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter over the past 4 years). Seasonal variation is not the only contributing factor. Annual counts of placement children have shown a steady decline since 1995 (Fig. 13A on page 23, Appendix Table A1 on page 67).



<sup>23</sup> Both foster care and congregate care include young adults 18 years or older.

## F. Independent Living

Of the 6,997 consumers in foster care, 721 were in the Departmental foster care category of “Independent Living.” These children are in a school or vocational program and need financial support to transition to living independently. They receive foster care payments directly to pay for room and board expenses as long as they fully participate in an educational or vocational program, and meet with their social worker as arranged. Placement services may be extended to the youth’s 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday if it is demonstrated that without DCF financial support the student will not complete a Bachelor’s program. On 6/30/2012, the ages of these children ranged from 16 to 23 years old.

Of the 1,715 consumers in congregate care, 139 were in the group home category of “Independent Living.” This placement service includes group homes as well as supervised or supported apartments designed for older adolescents who are developing the skills to live in the community in their own homes or apartments. On 6/30/2012, the ages of these children ranged from 16 to 22 years old.

- The Northern Region had the highest number of independent living children (217 in foster care and 75 in group homes). (See table below).
- Of the 721 youth in the Departmental foster care independent living model, 99% were 18 years or older, 62% were female, 42% were White, 23% were Black, 27% were Hispanic/Latino, and 75% had spent more than two years in continuous substitute care. (See table on next page)
- Of the 139 youth in independent living group homes, 83% were 18 years or older, 50% were female, 36% were White, 27% were Black, 29% were Hispanic/Latino, and 70% had spent more than two years in continuous substitute care. (See table on next page)

### Regional Distribution of Youth in the Independent Living Program FY’2012, End of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter (6/30/12)

Departmental Foster Care		DCF Region	Group Home	
No.	%		No.	%
208	29%	Western	22	16%
217	30%	Northern	75	54%
174	24%	Southern	17	12%
99	14%	Boston	22	16%
23	3%	Central Office	3	2%
721	100%	TOTAL	139	100%

Note: Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding-off.

**Demographic Profile of Youth in the Independent Living Program  
FY'2012, End of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter (6/30/12)**

<b>Departmental Foster Care</b>			<b>Group Home</b>	
<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>		<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
<i><b>Age Group</b></i>				
8	1%	<b>16-17 years</b>	24	17%
713	99%	<b>18 years or Older</b>	115	83%
<i><b>Gender</b></i>				
277	38%	<b>Male</b>	70	50%
444	62%	<b>Female</b>	69	50%
<i><b>Race</b></i>				
306	42%	<b>White</b>	50	36%
166	23%	<b>Black</b>	38	27%
195	27%	<b>Hispanic/Latino</b>	40	29%
26	4%	<b>Asian</b>	2	1%
---	---	<b>Native American</b>	---	---
20	3%	<b>Multi-Racial</b>	6	4%
8	1%	<b>Undetermined</b>	3	2%
<i><b>Continuous Time in Care</b></i>				
99	14%	<b>1 year or less</b>	25	18%
84	12%	<b>&gt;1 – 2 years</b>	17	12%
172	24%	<b>&gt;2 – 4 years</b>	24	17%
366	51%	<b>&gt;4 years</b>	73	53%

Note: Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding-off.

## G. Children in Kinship Placement<sup>24</sup>

It is the policy of DCF that all placements are made in accordance with permanency planning objectives. From the time a child is placed, a plan is developed for returning the child home, or, if that is not possible, for identifying an alternative permanent home. DCF always gives first consideration to placement with a relative or member of the child's extended family.

- Statewide, 24% of all children in placement were in kinship care. The Fall River (38%), Haverhill (34%), and Coastal (34%) area offices had the highest proportions of placement children in kinship. **(Table 19A on next page)**
- Statewide, 28% of White, 20% of Hispanic/Latino, and 19% of Black children in placement were in kinship placements. **(Table 19B on page 58)**
- Of those area offices with more than 30 Hispanic children in placement, Fall River (30%) and South Central (30%) had the largest proportions of Hispanic/Latino children in kinship care. **(Table 19B)**
- Of those area offices with more than 30 Black children in placement, Coastal (33%), Dimock Street (28%), Fall River (26%), and Hyde Park (26%) had the largest proportions of Black children in kinship care. **(Table 19B)**

---

<sup>24</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.

**TABLE 19A. CHILDREN <sup>(1)</sup> IN KINSHIP PLACEMENT AS A PROPORTION OF ALL CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT:  
FY'2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

<b>DCF Region/Area</b>	<b>Kinship</b>	<b>Total Children in Placement</b>	<b>% in Kinship</b>
Greenfield	82	270	30%
Holyoke	71	288	25%
North Central	112	366	31%
Pittsfield	75	314	24%
Robert Van Wart	68	337	20%
South Central	59	260	23%
Springfield	56	411	14%
Worcester East	58	306	19%
Worcester West	62	325	19%
Contracted Agencies	---	4	---
<b>Western</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>2,881</b>	<b>22%</b>
Cambridge	17	107	16%
Cape Ann	47	206	23%
Framingham	48	179	27%
Haverhill	52	153	34%
Lawrence	26	153	17%
Lowell	71	359	20%
Lynn	37	227	16%
Malden	30	180	17%
<b>Northern</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>1,564</b>	<b>21%</b>
Arlington	38	148	26%
Brockton	44	223	20%
Cape Cod	55	212	26%
Coastal	70	204	34%
Fall River	126	335	38%
New Bedford	84	345	24%
Plymouth	66	207	32%
Taunton/Attleboro	53	198	27%
Contracted Agencies	---	2	---
<b>Southern</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>1,874</b>	<b>29%</b>
Dimock Street	63	240	26%
Harbor	50	205	24%
Hyde Park	45	195	23%
Park Street	50	230	22%
Contracted Agencies	---	3	---
<b>Boston</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>42</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Other <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>---</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>---</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,757</b>	<b>7,467</b>	<b>24%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.

<sup>(2)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

**TABLE 19B. RACE OF CHILDREN <sup>(1)</sup> IN KINSHIP PLACEMENTS COMPARED TO ALL PLACEMENTS:  
FY'2012, END OF 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

DCF Region/ Area Office	Children in Kinship			Total Children in Placement			% Kinship Placements		
	Race			Race			Race		
	White	Black	Hispanic <sup>(2)</sup>	White	Black	Hispanic <sup>(2)</sup>	White	Black	Hispanic <sup>(2)</sup>
Greenfield	63	3	5	197	13	27	32%	23%	19%
Holyoke	20	1	46	79	24	168	25%	4%	27%
North Central	75	1	26	202	20	108	37%	5%	24%
Pittsfield	59	4	7	218	20	23	27%	20%	30%
Robert Van Wart	47	4	13	183	28	95	26%	14%	14%
South Central	39	2	13	198	7	43	20%	29%	30%
Springfield	8	11	31	58	101	211	14%	11%	15%
Worcester East	30	6	20	121	44	112	25%	14%	18%
Worcester West	26	6	23	138	36	118	19%	17%	19%
Contracted Agencies	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	---
<b>Western</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>1,394</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>20%</b>
Cambridge	9	2	5	42	21	34	21%	10%	15%
Cape Ann	36	4	5	150	12	27	24%	33%	19%
Framingham	24	6	11	98	15	39	24%	40%	28%
Haverhill	41	1	7	105	5	31	39%	20%	23%
Lawrence	9	---	17	40	---	107	23%	---	16%
Lowell	36	2	23	149	17	122	24%	12%	19%
Lynn	16	1	11	66	29	78	24%	3%	14%
Malden	25	---	1	97	23	35	26%	---	3%
<b>Northern</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>17%</b>
Arlington	26	1	6	81	22	30	32%	5%	20%
Brockton	24	9	8	96	70	30	25%	13%	27%
Cape Cod	38	3	4	134	13	17	28%	23%	24%
Coastal	39	10	5	125	30	14	31%	33%	36%
Fall River	82	10	17	185	39	57	44%	26%	30%
New Bedford	47	9	15	190	50	65	25%	18%	23%
Plymouth	52	4	3	163	17	7	32%	24%	43%
Taunton/Attleboro	35	7	5	130	27	19	27%	26%	26%
Contracted Agencies	---	---	---	1	---	1	---	---	---
<b>Southern</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>26%</b>
Dimock Street	7	36	15	28	129	62	25%	28%	24%
Harbor	24	5	18	85	16	82	28%	31%	22%
Hyde Park	2	36	7	14	138	38	14%	26%	18%
Park Street	9	27	9	27	131	48	33%	21%	19%
Contracted Agencies	---	---	---	3	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Boston</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Other <sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>3,505</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>1,922</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>20%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.

<sup>(2)</sup> Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

<sup>(3)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.



## VI. CONSUMERS ENTERING AND LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER

- During the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, 1,798 consumers entered placement and 2,100 consumers left placement. For individuals with multiple entries and exits during the quarter, only the first entry and last exit were selected. These counts of placement dynamics do not include consumers who changed placements during the quarter. (Table 20 on page 60, Table 21 on page 61)
- Compared to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, there was a 6% increase in consumers entering placement and an 11% increase in consumers leaving placement during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012.

### A. Entries to Placement

- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, 63% were first-time entrants and 38% were re-entrants.<sup>25</sup> Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 57% in the North to 70% in the South. (Table 20, Fig. 26 on page 60)
- Across the state, 67% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 28% were placed in congregate care,<sup>26</sup> and 5% were placed in non-referral locations.<sup>27</sup>
- Regionally, the proportion of all entrants placed in foster care ranged from 58% in the North to 75% in the West. In contrast, the proportion of all entrants placed in congregate care ranged from 21% in the West to 35% in the North. (Table 20, Fig. 27 on page 61)
- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Seventy-three percent of first-time entrants and 57% of re-entrants were placed in foster care. Conversely, 36% of re-entrants and 24% of first-time entrants were placed in congregate care. (Table 20)

---

<sup>25</sup> Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

<sup>26</sup> Congregate Care includes group home, residential treatment, and short-term residential placement.

<sup>27</sup> Non-referral locations include hospitals, nursing homes, and placements supervised by other state agencies.

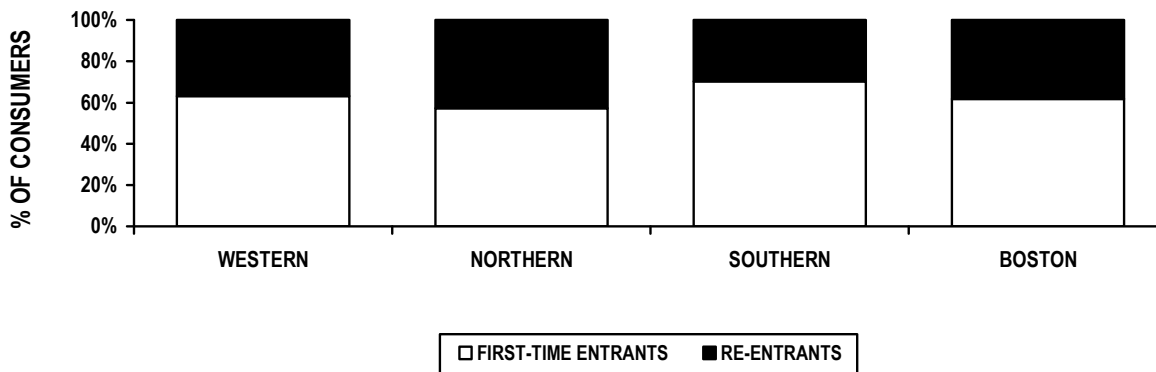
**TABLE 20. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)**

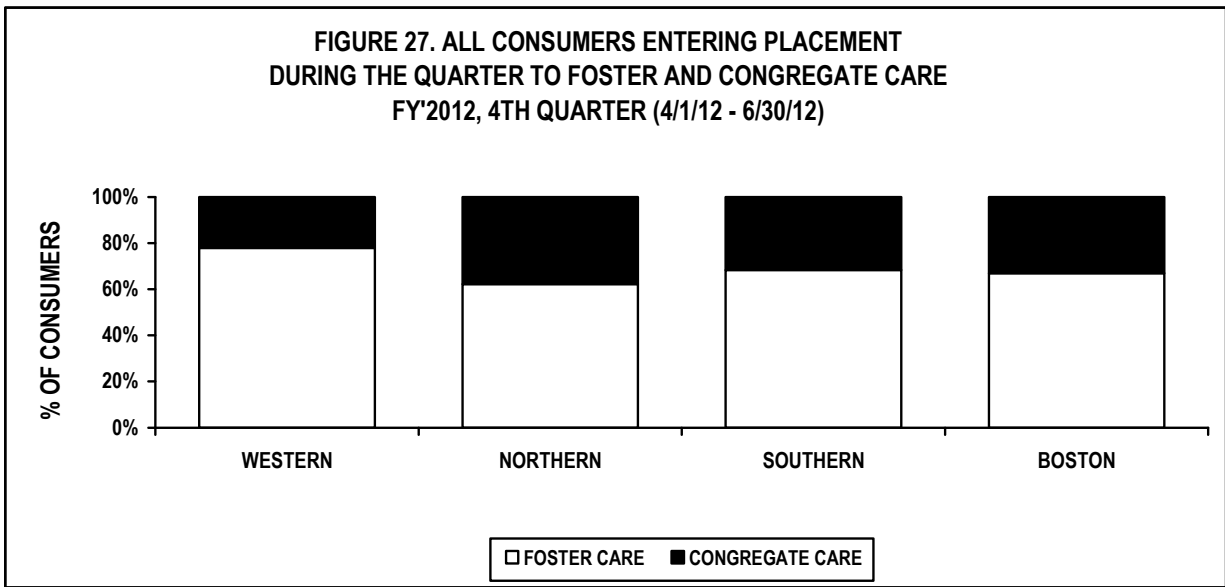
Entry Type: Placement Location Started	DCF Geographic Region					Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Other <sup>(1)</sup>	
<b>First-Time Entrants:</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1,138</b>
Foster Care	350	156	228	90	5	829
Congregate Care	71	70	85	42	1	269
Non-Referral Location <sup>(2)</sup>	9	18	3	9	1	40
<b>Re-Entrants:</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>660</b>
Foster Care	164	91	72	50	2	379
Congregate Care	75	80	54	27	1	237
Non-Referral Location <sup>(2)</sup>	13	12	7	10	2	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1,798</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes hospitals and placements paid by other state agencies.

**FIGURE 26. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT  
DURING THE QUARTER (FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS AND RE-ENTRANTS)  
FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)**





## B. Exits from Placement

- Statewide, 61% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 54% in Boston to 68% in the North. **(Table 21)**
- Statewide, 16% of consumers leaving placement were emancipated, 13% were adopted, and 7% were granted guardianships. **(Table 21)**
- Regionally, the proportion of consumers leaving placement who were emancipated ranged from 13% in the West to 20% in Boston. The proportion adopted ranged from 6% in the North to 14% in the South. The proportion granted guardianships was 6% in the North, 6% in Boston, 7% in the West, and 7% in the South. **(Table 21)**

**TABLE 21. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)**

Reason Placement Ended	DCF Geographic Region				Adoption Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>	Other <sup>(2)</sup>	Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston			
Child Returned Home	426	275	279	109	2	3	1,094
Child 18 or Older	83	61	84	40	---	15	283
Consumer Adopted	78	25	67	26	29	---	225
Guardianship	45	26	31	13	3	---	118
Custody to Other Individual	18	14	9	10	---	---	51
Child on the Run	2	2	3	2	---	---	9
Custody to Other Agency	2	---	2	3	---	---	7
Consumer Deceased	---	1	---	---	---	---	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1,788</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minor program.

## VII. FOSTER HOME DEMOGRAPHICS<sup>28</sup>

- At the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, there were 4,037 foster homes under the direct supervision of DCF. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes<sup>29</sup> as well as unrestricted homes.<sup>30</sup> There were 1,835 restricted and 2,202 unrestricted foster homes at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012—increases of 3% in restricted and less than 1% in unrestricted compared to the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Unrestricted foster homes were at their highest number in 1998 (4,146) while restricted homes peaked in 2004 (2,576). (**Table 22 and Fig. 28** on next page)
- At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'1998, 29% of all DCF foster homes were restricted homes. Restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes rose above 50% in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2003 and declined below 50% in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2009. At the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, restricted homes accounted for 46% of all foster homes (**Table 22 and Fig. 28**)
- Statewide, 66% of foster parents in unrestricted homes were White (**Table 22**).
- Statewide, 56% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White (**Table 22**).
- Ten percent (414) of all foster homes were identified as Black (209 restricted and 205 unrestricted) (**Table 22**).
- Fifteen percent (609) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (237 restricted and 372 unrestricted) (**Table 22**).
- Statewide, 62% of foster parents in unrestricted homes were married (**Table 23** on page 64).
- Statewide, 49% of the foster parents in restricted homes were married (**Table 23**).

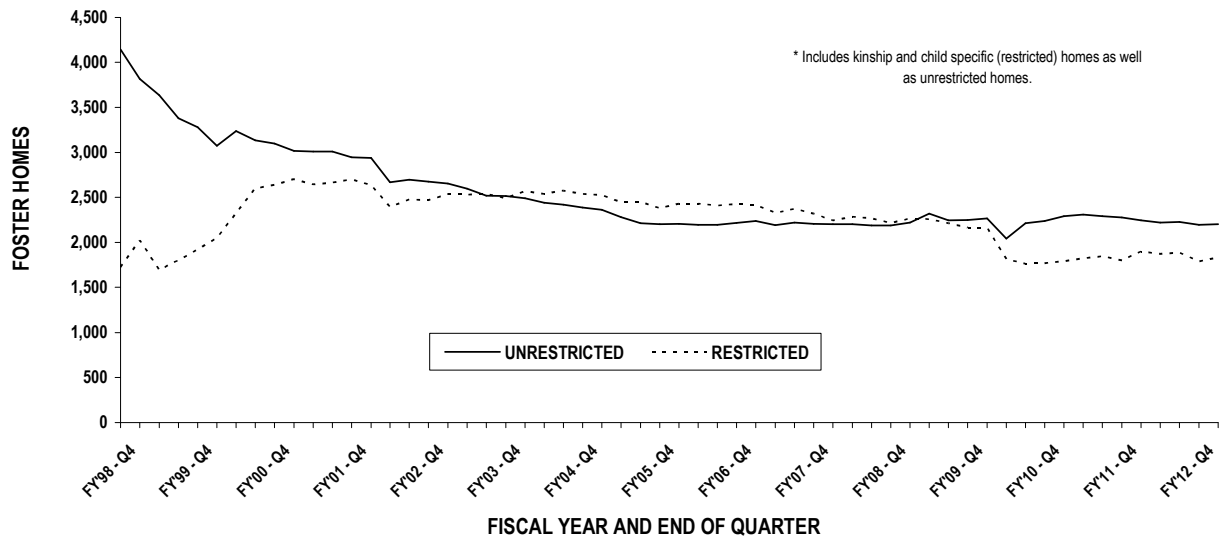
---

<sup>28</sup> Foster homes provide formal, temporary out-of-home placement to children who are in the care and custody of DCF. Foster families may be related or unrelated to the child.

<sup>29</sup> Child-specific and kinship placements occur (1) when a court orders a child to be placed in a specific foster home; or (2) when a child requires placement and the child or his/her parent(s) has proposed another home in which the child can be placed; or (3) when DCF places a child with relatives or with a caregiver who is known to the child's family. Placements in kinship and child-specific homes are limited to specified children.

<sup>30</sup> Unrestricted placements are those where DCF places a child with a non-relative foster family. Unlike restricted homes (child specific and kinship), the unrestricted home is not limited to a particular child.

**FIGURE 28. RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FOSTER HOMES**  
**END OF 3RD QUARTER OF FY'1998 (3/31/98) TO END OF 4TH QUARTER OF FY'2012 (6/30/12)**



**TABLE 22. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DCF REGION:**  
**FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

Provider Status	DCF Geographic Region								Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Restricted</b>	<b>662</b>		<b>388</b>		<b>586</b>		<b>199</b>		<b>1,835</b>	
White	368	56%	242	62%	376	64%	49	25%	1,035	56%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(1)</sup>	108	16%	61	16%	29	5%	39	20%	237	13%
Black	36	5%	27	7%	53	9%	93	47%	209	11%
Asian	1	*	11	3%	1	*	1	1%	14	1%
Native American	1	*	---	---	5	1%	---	---	6	*
Other <sup>(2)</sup>	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	1	0%
Multi-Racial	6	1%	2	1%	5	1%	---	---	13	1%
Unable to Determine <sup>(3)</sup>	142	21%	44	11%	116	20%	16	8%	318	17%
Missing	---	---	1	*	---	---	1	1%	2	*
<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>881</b>		<b>460</b>		<b>673</b>		<b>188</b>		<b>2,202</b>	
White	558	63%	307	67%	518	77%	60	32%	1,443	66%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(1)</sup>	196	22%	80	17%	54	8%	42	22%	372	17%
Black	61	7%	20	4%	52	8%	72	38%	205	9%
Asian	2	*	11	2%	1	*	3	2%	17	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	4	1%	---	---	4	*
Other <sup>(2)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1%	1	*
Multi-Racial	8	1%	3	1%	4	1%	1	1%	16	1%
Unable to Determine <sup>(3)</sup>	56	6%	39	8%	38	6%	9	5%	142	6%
Missing	---	---	---	---	2	*	---	---	2	*
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,543</b>		<b>848</b>		<b>1,259</b>		<b>387</b>		<b>4,037</b>	

<sup>(1)</sup> Hispanic/Latino includes all races

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

<sup>(3)</sup> Unable to Determine is the category used when an individual does not know or declines to disclose his/her race.

**TABLE 23. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

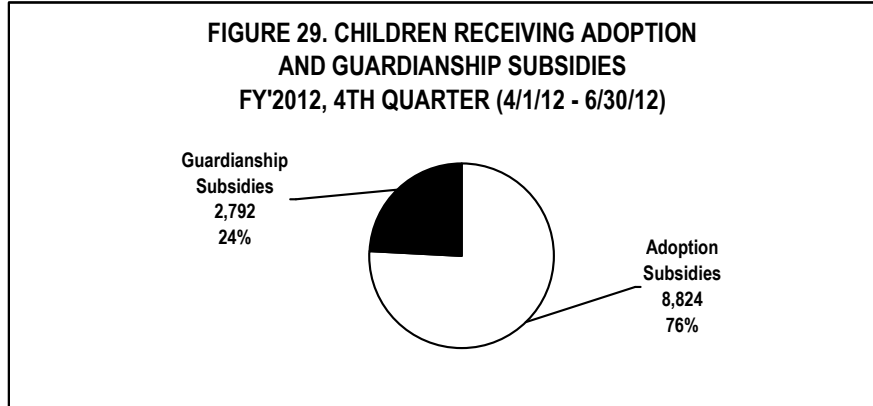
DCF Geographic Region											
Provider	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Total		
Status	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Restricted	662		388		586		199		1,835		
Married	335	51%	211	54%	302	52%	60	30%	908	49%	
Single	215	32%	102	26%	165	28%	100	50%	582	32%	
Divorced	67	10%	44	11%	75	13%	20	10%	206	11%	
Widowed	24	4%	13	3%	23	4%	11	6%	71	4%	
Separated	19	3%	14	4%	19	3%	8	4%	60	3%	
Unspecified	2	*	4	1%	2	*	---	---	8	*	
Unrestricted	881		460		673		188		2,202		
Married	572	65%	279	61%	439	65%	76	40%	1,366	62%	
Single	180	20%	109	24%	127	19%	70	37%	486	22%	
Divorced	93	11%	55	12%	76	11%	30	16%	254	12%	
Widowed	20	2%	11	2%	17	3%	6	3%	54	2%	
Separated	15	2%	4	1%	13	2%	5	3%	37	2%	
Unspecified	1	*	2	*	1	*	1	1%	5	*	
Total	1,543		848		1,259		387		4,037		

\* = less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

## VIII. ADOPTION AND GUARDIANSHIP SUBSIDIES

At the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, the total number of children receiving an adoption subsidy was 8,824 (**Fig. 29**). Guardianship subsidies totaled 2,792. These counts represent subsidies that had a payment during the quarter, i.e., the number with service referrals actively paying out.



From the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2012, adoption subsidies and guardianship subsidies each changed by less than 1%. Quarterly fluctuations from -1% to 1% are typical for adoption and guardianship subsidies (See table below). Adoption subsidies fell below 9,000 in FY'2012 and guardianships declined below 3,000 in FY2011.

Subsidies (Active Service Referrals)					
		Adoption		Guardianship	
Quarter		No.	Quarterly Change	No.	Quarterly Change
FY'2008	1 <sup>st</sup>	9,727	*	2,964	*
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9,820	1%	2,971	*
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9,812	*	2,992	1%
	4 <sup>th</sup>	9,706	-1%	2,996	*
FY'2009	1 <sup>st</sup>	9,665	*	3,005	*
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9,709	*	3,031	1%
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9,676	*	3,082	2%
	4 <sup>th</sup>	9,647	*	3,111	1%
FY'2010	1 <sup>st</sup>	9,549	-1%	3,090	-1%
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9,604	1%	3,059	-1%
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9,518	-1%	3,032	-1%
	4 <sup>th</sup>	9,311	-2%	3,006	-1%
FY'2011	1 <sup>st</sup>	9,191	-1%	2,934	-2%
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9,125	-1%	2,881	-2%
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9,057	-1%	2,865	-1%
	4 <sup>th</sup>	9,002	-1%	2,872	*
FY'2012	1 <sup>st</sup>	8,887	-1%	2,818	-2%
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8,887	---	2,807	*
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8,825	-1%	2,788	-1%
	4 <sup>th</sup>	8,824	*	2,792	*

\* = less than 1% after rounding-off

## **IX. APPENDIX**



**TABLE A1. CONSUMER, CHILD, AND ADULT POPULATION TRENDS: 1983 - 2012**

Month/Year	All Consumers	All Children <18 yrs	Children in Placement <18 yrs	All Adults >18 yrs	Month/Year	All Consumers	All Children <18 yrs	Children in Placement <18 yrs	All Adults >18 yrs
6/1983	61,786	33,516	NA	28,270	6/2000	72,423	40,691	10,025	31,732
6/1984	73,111	38,683	7,024	34,428	6/2001	73,116	40,069	9,889	33,047
6/1985	75,935	40,628	7,779	35,307	6/2002	70,688	38,442	9,932	32,246
6/1986	74,769	40,511	8,041	34,258	6/2003	75,247	30,341	10,127	34,906
6/1987	66,033	37,497	8,075	28,536	6/2004	77,368	42,023	9,815	35,345
6/1988	67,658	38,792	8,661	28,866	6/2005	77,305	41,773	9,439	35,572
6/1989	70,052	40,497	9,544	29,555	6/2006	78,014	41,690	9,543	36,324
6/1990	80,090	46,403	10,998	33,687	6/2007	78,535	41,550	9,132	36,985
6/1991	81,975	47,922	12,392	34,053	6/2008	87,176	45,730	9,287	41,446
6/1992	72,128	42,367	12,379	29,761	6/2009	88,568	46,288	8,755	42,280
6/1993	72,340	42,656	12,763	29,684	6/2010	76,003	39,479	8,097	36,524
6/1994	72,879	43,074	13,194	29,805	6/2011	72,088	37,162	7,841	34,926
6/1995	73,032	42,997	13,302	30,035	9/2011	67,805	34,724	7,544	33,081
6/1996	72,638	42,551	12,736	30,087	12/31/11	68,337	34,954	7,355	33,383
6/1997	74,921	43,570	12,193	31,351	3/31/12	68,389	34,968	7,455	33,421
1/1998	70,092	40,574	11,227	29,518	6/30/12	68,521	35,046	7,467	33,475
9/1998	68,331	38,507	10,503	29,824					
6/1999	69,494	39,144	9,834	30,350					

Note: revised counts

Source: ASSIST 6/1983 - 1/1998) and FamilyNet (9/1998 - 6/2012)

**TABLE A2. CASE OPENINGS <sup>(1)</sup> DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)**

DCF Geographic Region/Area	Case Openings <sup>(1)</sup>										Total No.
	Protective <sup>(2)</sup>		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other <sup>(3)</sup>		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	38	70%	4	7%	2	4%	---	---	10	19%	54
Holyoke	57	80%	2	3%	3	4%	2	3%	7	10%	71
North Central	87	93%	1	1%	2	2%	4	4%	---	---	94
Pittsfield	38	75%	4	8%	2	4%	2	4%	5	10%	51
Robert Van Wart	94	82%	4	3%	3	3%	---	---	14	12%	115
South Central	86	83%	3	3%	6	6%	3	3%	5	5%	103
Springfield	118	88%	6	4%	1	1%	3	2%	6	4%	134
Worcester East	53	76%	5	7%	3	4%	6	9%	3	4%	70
Worcester West	80	92%	1	1%	2	2%	3	3%	1	1%	87
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
<b>Western</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>780</b>
Cambridge	59	91%	1	2%	2	3%	1	2%	2	3%	65
Cape Ann	46	62%	---	---	9	12%	11	15%	8	11%	74
Framingham	51	85%	6	10%	1	2%	2	3%	---	---	60
Haverhill	29	88%	---	---	2	6%	---	---	2	6%	33
Lawrence	18	55%	11	33%	---	---	---	---	4	12%	33
Lowell	80	85%	3	3%	1	1%	1	1%	9	10%	94
Lynn	45	75%	4	7%	2	3%	2	3%	7	12%	60
Malden	68	82%	---	---	7	8%	3	4%	5	6%	83
<b>Northern</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>502</b>
Arlington	43	68%	3	5%	12	19%	2	3%	3	5%	63
Brockton	60	80%	6	8%	3	4%	---	---	6	8%	75
Cape Cod	53	75%	5	7%	1	1%	8	11%	4	6%	71
Coastal	74	88%	6	7%	1	1%	1	1%	2	2%	84
Fall River	92	82%	5	4%	6	5%	2	2%	7	6%	112
New Bedford	86	91%	3	3%	2	2%	---	---	4	4%	95
Plymouth	69	90%	4	5%	---	---	2	3%	2	3%	77
Taunton/Attleboro	62	72%	6	7%	4	5%	9	10%	5	6%	86
Contracted Agencies	2	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
<b>Southern</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>665</b>
Dimock Street	66	84%	7	9%	4	5%	---	---	2	3%	79
Harbor	64	81%	11	14%	1	1%	---	---	3	4%	79
Hyde Park	50	74%	11	16%	3	4%	---	---	4	6%	68
Park Street	69	79%	5	6%	5	6%	7	8%	1	1%	87
<b>Boston</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>313</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(4)</sup></b>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	6	100%	6
<b>Other <sup>(5)</sup></b>	---	---	---	---	7	100%	---	---	---	---	7
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,838</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>2,273</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> An unduplicated count of case openings during the quarter.

<sup>(2)</sup> The outcome of an investigation or initial assessment.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes Alternative Response, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

<sup>(4)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minors program.

**TABLE A3. CONSUMER OPENINGS DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)**

DCF Geographic Region/Area	Consumer Openings <sup>(1)</sup>										Total No.
	Protective <sup>(2)</sup>		CHINS		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other <sup>(3)</sup>		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	340	87%	25	6%	4	1%	---	---	20	5%	389
Holyoke	469	90%	17	3%	16	3%	8	2%	9	2%	519
North Central	596	93%	10	2%	11	2%	25	4%	---	---	642
Pittsfield	375	87%	16	4%	17	4%	16	4%	8	2%	432
Robert Van Wart	746	90%	40	5%	16	2%	---	---	27	3%	829
South Central	524	88%	29	5%	21	4%	12	2%	12	2%	598
Springfield	909	94%	25	3%	4	*	10	1%	16	2%	964
Worcester East	437	84%	26	5%	12	2%	33	6%	14	3%	522
Worcester West	527	91%	26	4%	3	1%	22	4%	1	*	579
Contracted Agencies	4	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4
<b>Western</b>	<b>4,927</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>5,478</b>
Cambridge	405	95%	8	2%	5	1%	4	1%	6	1%	428
Cape Ann	338	67%	---	---	61	12%	86	17%	17	3%	502
Framingham	334	89%	24	6%	---	---	16	4%	---	---	374
Haverhill	243	95%	3	1%	8	3%	---	---	2	1%	256
Lawrence	181	72%	59	24%	---	---	1	*	9	4%	250
Lowell	542	89%	29	5%	12	2%	4	1%	22	4%	609
Lynn	322	76%	44	10%	20	5%	20	5%	18	4%	424
Malden	531	94%	---	---	17	3%	15	3%	4	1%	567
<b>Northern</b>	<b>2,896</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>3,410</b>
Arlington	297	77%	18	5%	58	15%	7	2%	7	2%	387
Brockton	434	85%	50	10%	9	2%	8	2%	9	2%	510
Cape Cod	349	80%	35	8%	1	*	41	9%	8	2%	434
Coastal	443	87%	53	10%	7	1%	2	*	2	*	507
Fall River	581	86%	56	8%	16	2%	12	2%	11	2%	676
New Bedford	687	92%	26	3%	12	2%	4	1%	14	2%	743
Plymouth	439	89%	31	6%	---	---	21	4%	5	1%	496
Taunton/Attleboro	333	73%	47	10%	14	3%	57	12%	6	1%	457
Contracted Agencies	9	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	9
<b>Southern</b>	<b>3,572</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>4,219</b>
Dimock Street	412	84%	48	10%	20	4%	10	2%	2	*	492
Harbor	492	88%	48	9%	1	*	9	2%	6	1%	556
Hyde Park	353	79%	65	15%	19	4%	---	---	11	2%	448
Park Street	612	81%	81	11%	16	2%	37	5%	11	1%	757
<b>Boston</b>	<b>1,869</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2,253</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(4)</sup></b>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	12	100%	12
<b>Other <sup>(5)</sup></b>	---	---	---	---	9	100%	---	---	---	---	9
<b>Missing</b>	4	67%	---	---	1	17%	---	---	1	17%	6
<b>Total:</b>	<b>13,268</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>15,387</b>

\* Less than 1% after rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> An unduplicated count of consumer openings during the quarter.

<sup>(2)</sup> The outcome of an investigation or initial assessment.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes Baby Safe Haven and Other.

<sup>(4)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes primarily families served through the Lutheran Refugee Minors program.

**TABLE A4. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)**

DCF Geographic Region/Area	Screening Decision								Total No.
	Screened-Out No.    %		Screened-In for Investigation				Screened-In for Initial Assessment No.    %		
			Non-Emergency No.    %		Emergency No.    %				
Greenfield	336	57%	59	10%	22	4%	175	30%	592
Holyoke	360	51%	152	21%	1	0%	195	28%	708
North Central	295	51%	143	25%	8	1%	135	23%	581
Pittsfield	475	51%	184	20%	8	1%	256	28%	923
Robert Van Wart	450	54%	191	23%	9	1%	188	22%	838
South Central	272	40%	182	27%	4	1%	224	33%	682
Springfield	337	44%	247	32%	26	3%	159	21%	769
Worcesterr East	213	42%	184	36%	23	4%	93	18%	513
Worcester West	215	42%	184	36%	26	5%	85	17%	510
<b>Western</b>	<b>2,953</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>1,526</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>1,510</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>6,116</b>
Cambridge	143	43%	101	31%	5	2%	80	24%	329
Cape Ann	362	63%	25	4%	15	3%	174	30%	576
Framingham	317	63%	60	12%	9	2%	121	24%	507
Haverhill	216	47%	81	18%	14	3%	148	32%	459
Lawrence	269	59%	40	9%	1	*	146	32%	456
Lowell	433	58%	155	21%	47	6%	118	16%	753
Lynn	204	54%	61	16%	3	1%	108	29%	376
Malden	213	48%	101	23%	4	1%	126	28%	444
<b>Northern</b>	<b>2,157</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>1,021</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>3,900</b>
Arlington	221	57%	42	11%	11	3%	114	29%	388
Brockton	242	47%	158	31%	6	1%	110	21%	516
Cape Cod	287	56%	130	25%	11	2%	86	17%	514
Coastal	237	50%	94	20%	9	2%	130	28%	470
Fall River	169	35%	178	37%	13	3%	118	25%	478
New Bedford	213	37%	163	29%	32	6%	162	28%	570
Plymouth	292	52%	138	25%	17	3%	111	20%	558
Taunton/Attleboro	206	45%	108	24%	10	2%	130	29%	454
<b>Southern</b>	<b>1,867</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>1,011</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>3,948</b>
Dimock Street	222	51%	134	31%	6	1%	74	17%	436
Harbor	144	35%	141	34%	19	5%	105	26%	409
Hyde Park	161	40%	157	39%	13	3%	69	17%	400
Park Street	166	39%	158	37%	18	4%	89	21%	431
<b>Boston</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>1,676</b>
Judge Baker Children's Center	2,316	40%	1,377	24%	1,089	19%	1,027	18%	5,809
Special Investigation	111	32%	240	68%	1	*	---	---	352
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,097</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>5,368</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>1,480</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>4,856</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>21,801</b>

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

\* = less than 1% after rounding-off

**TABLE A5. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION: FY'2012, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/12 - 6/30/12)**

DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision				Inv Total	Initial Assessment Decision				IA Total	Response Total No.
	Supported No.	%	Unsupported No.	%		Concern No.	%	Min/No Concern No.	%		
Greenfield	48	61%	31	39%	79	77	41%	109	59%	186	265
Holyoke	98	57%	73	43%	171	90	43%	119	57%	209	380
North Central	103	64%	58	36%	161	95	50%	94	50%	189	350
Pittsfield	106	62%	66	38%	172	46	18%	210	82%	256	428
Robert Van Wart	151	74%	54	26%	205	90	44%	115	56%	205	410
South Central	108	58%	77	42%	185	109	48%	119	52%	228	413
Springfield	193	63%	111	37%	304	101	50%	100	50%	201	505
Worcester East	138	62%	86	38%	224	46	38%	74	62%	120	344
Worcester West	145	65%	78	35%	223	65	57%	50	43%	115	338
<b>Western</b>	<b>1,090</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>1,724</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>1,709</b>	<b>3,433</b>
Cambridge	70	59%	49	41%	119	54	52%	49	48%	103	222
Cape Ann	25	66%	13	34%	38	96	43%	125	57%	221	259
Framingham	41	79%	11	21%	52	77	54%	65	46%	142	194
Haverhill	43	43%	56	57%	99	53	29%	131	71%	184	283
Lawrence	27	59%	19	41%	46	57	30%	134	70%	191	237
Lowell	137	64%	76	36%	213	55	42%	76	58%	131	344
Lynn	39	70%	17	30%	56	68	47%	77	53%	145	201
Malden	80	63%	48	38%	128	100	56%	79	44%	179	307
<b>Northern</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>1,296</b>	<b>2,047</b>
Arlington	46	68%	22	32%	68	77	44%	99	56%	176	244
Brockton	125	63%	72	37%	197	66	48%	71	52%	137	334
Cape Cod	70	62%	43	38%	113	54	46%	64	54%	118	231
Coastal	93	58%	68	42%	161	63	40%	93	60%	156	317
Fall River	137	61%	88	39%	225	77	57%	57	43%	134	359
New Bedford	174	73%	65	27%	239	121	53%	109	47%	230	469
Plymouth	97	60%	65	40%	162	54	39%	86	61%	140	302
Taunton/Attleboro	83	66%	42	34%	125	64	35%	119	65%	183	308
<b>Southern</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>1,290</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>1,274</b>	<b>2,564</b>
Dimock Street	106	67%	52	33%	158	39	46%	45	54%	84	242
Harbor	107	64%	60	36%	167	56	42%	76	58%	132	299
Hyde Park	119	60%	78	40%	197	39	41%	56	59%	95	292
Park Street	148	74%	52	26%	200	57	55%	47	45%	104	304
<b>Boston</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>1,137</b>
Judge Baker Children's Center	637	74%	219	26%	856	---	---	---	---	---	856
Special Investigations	42	15%	230	85%	272	---	---	---	---	---	272
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,536</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>2,079</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>5,615</b>	<b>2,046</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>2,648</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>4,694</b>	<b>10,309</b>

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

**TABLE A6. MANDATORY AND DISCRETIONARY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: FY'2003 - FY'2012**

Time Period	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.
<b>FY'2003 Total</b>	<b>2,089</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>2,310</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>4,399</b>
<b>FY'2004 Total</b>	<b>2,101</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>2,399</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>4,500</b>
<b>FY'2005 Total</b>	<b>2,122</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>2,459</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>4,581</b>
<b>FY'2006 Total</b>	<b>2,077</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>2,666</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>4,743</b>
<b>FY'2007 Total</b>	<b>2,279</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>2,431</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>4,710</b>
<b>FY'2008 Total</b>	<b>2,561</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>2,652</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>5,213</b>
<b>FY'2009 Total</b>	<b>2,927</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>2,784</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>5,711</b>
FY'2010, Q1	649	53%	568	47%	1,217
FY'2010, Q2	727	54%	621	46%	1,348
FY'2010, Q3	787	56%	611	44%	1,398
FY'2010, Q4	870	54%	753	46%	1,623
<b>FY'2010 Total</b>	<b>3,033</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>2,553</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>5,586</b>
FY'2011, Q1	713	54%	603	46%	1,316
FY'2011, Q2	729	56%	583	44%	1,312
FY'2011, Q3	754	54%	650	46%	1,404
FY'2011, Q4	844	50%	835	50%	1,679
<b>FY'2011 Total</b>	<b>3,040</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>2,671</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>5,711</b>
FY'2012, Q1	630	51%	616	49%	1,246
FY'2012, Q2	764	50%	764	50%	1,528
FY'2012, Q3	788	52%	721	48%	1,509
FY'2012, Q4	659	50%	661	50%	1,320
<b>FY'2012 Total</b>	<b>2,841</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>2,762</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>5,603</b>

DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

**TABLE A7. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: FY'2003 - FY'2012**

Time Period	Sexual Abuse		Physical Abuse		Death <sup>*</sup>		Unspecified <sup>(1)</sup>		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
<b>FY'2003 Total</b>	<b>1,688</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>2,168</b>
<b>FY'2004 Total</b>	<b>1,713</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>2,189</b>
<b>FY'2005 Total</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>2,184</b>
<b>FY'2006 Total</b>	<b>1,782</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>2,150</b>
<b>FY'2007 Total</b>	<b>1,935</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>2,356</b>
<b>FY'2008 Total</b>	<b>2,049</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>2,639</b>
<b>FY'2009 Total</b>	<b>2,413</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1%</b>	---	---	<b>3,014</b>
FY'2010, Q1	541	81%	108	16%	15	2%	---	---	664
FY'2010, Q2	588	80%	137	19%	14	2%	---	---	739
FY'2010, Q3	639	79%	153	19%	12	1%	---	---	804
FY'2010, Q4	725	81%	161	18%	10	1%	---	---	896
<b>FY'2010 Total</b>	<b>2,493</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>2%</b>	---	---	<b>3,103</b>
FY'2011, Q1	602	83%	110	15%	15	2%	---	---	727
FY'2011, Q2	621	83%	111	15%	13	2%	---	---	745
FY'2011, Q3	637	83%	118	15%	10	1%	---	---	765
FY'2011, Q4	682	78%	179	21%	9	1%	---	---	870
<b>FY'2011 Total</b>	<b>2,542</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>2%</b>	---	---	<b>3,107</b>
FY'2012, Q1	537	84%	85	13%	21	3%	---	---	643
FY'2012, Q2	664	85%	111	14%	6	1%	---	---	781
FY'2012, Q3	673	83%	127	16%	8	1%	1	*	809
FY'2012, Q4	567	84%	94	14%	12	2%	---	---	673
<b>FY'2012 Total</b>	<b>2,441</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>2%</b>	---	---	<b>2,906</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Unspecified as of run-date:

\* Note: Not all DA referrals resulting from an allegation that a child's death was due to abuse or neglect lead to an ultimate finding that the death was in fact due to abuse or neglect. DCF publishes an annual report of child fatalities that includes an analysis of child deaths due to abuse or neglect.

**TABLE A8. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION  
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS BY DCF REGION AND AREA:  
FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

	Consumers with a Goal of Adoption				
DCF	Not Legally Free		Legally Free		Total
Region/Area	No.	%	No.	%	No.
Greenfield	47	58%	34	42%	81
Holyoke	48	50%	48	50%	96
North Central	69	66%	36	34%	105
Pittsfield	55	56%	44	44%	99
Robert Van Wart	57	56%	45	44%	102
South Central	53	53%	47	47%	100
Springfield	57	45%	70	55%	127
Worcester East	64	61%	41	39%	105
Worcester West	57	60%	38	40%	95
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	---	---	1
Western	508	56%	403	44%	911
Cambridge	16	53%	14	47%	30
Cape Ann	21	54%	18	46%	39
Framingham	14	29%	34	71%	48
Haverhill	12	23%	41	77%	53
Lawrence	7	13%	47	87%	54
Lowell	39	35%	71	65%	110
Lynn	43	53%	38	47%	81
Malden	17	52%	16	48%	33
Northern	169	38%	279	62%	448
Arlington	7	58%	5	42%	12
Brockton	22	39%	35	61%	57
Cape Cod	12	29%	29	71%	41
Coastal	20	36%	36	64%	56
Fall River	38	39%	60	61%	98
New Bedford	74	52%	68	48%	142
Plymouth	20	37%	34	63%	54
Taunton/Attleboro	39	63%	23	37%	62
Southern	232	44%	290	56%	522
Dimock Street	37	47%	41	53%	78
Harbor	22	37%	37	63%	59
Hyde Park <sup>(1)</sup>	1	100%	---	---	1
Park Street	26	50%	26	50%	52
Contracted Agencies	2	100%	---	---	2
Boston	88	46%	104	54%	192
Adoption Contracts <sup>(2)</sup>	100	46%	117	54%	217
Total	1,097	48%	1,193	52%	2,290

<sup>(1)</sup> Hyde Park does not have an adoption unit.

<sup>(2)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

**TABLE A9. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION AND WHETHER  
MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY BY DCF REGION AND AREA:  
FY'2012, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/12)**

DCF Region/Area	Consumers with a Goal of Adoption				Total No.
	Not Matched		Matched		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	6	7%	75	93%	81
Holyoke	22	23%	74	77%	96
North Central	24	23%	81	77%	105
Pittsfield	23	23%	76	77%	99
Robert Van Wart	11	11%	91	89%	102
South Central	15	15%	85	85%	100
Springfield	28	22%	99	78%	127
Worcester East	27	26%	78	74%	105
Worcester West	21	22%	74	78%	95
Contracted Agencies	1	100%	---	---	1
<b>Western</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>911</b>
Cambridge	5	17%	25	83%	30
Cape Ann	5	13%	34	87%	39
Framingham	6	13%	42	88%	48
Haverhill	12	23%	41	77%	53
Lawrence	11	20%	43	80%	54
Lowell	21	19%	89	81%	110
Lynn	39	48%	42	52%	81
Malden	3	9%	30	91%	33
<b>Northern</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>448</b>
Arlington	---	---	12	100%	12
Brockton	19	33%	38	67%	57
Cape Cod	4	10%	37	90%	41
Coastal	13	23%	43	77%	56
Fall River	46	47%	52	53%	98
New Bedford	41	29%	101	71%	142
Plymouth	8	15%	46	85%	54
Taunton/Attleboro	12	19%	50	81%	62
<b>Southern</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>522</b>
Dimock Street	36	46%	42	54%	78
Harbor	19	32%	40	68%	59
Hyde Park <sup>(1)</sup>	1	100%	---	---	1
Park Street	20	38%	32	62%	52
Contracted Agencies	2	100%	---	---	2
<b>Boston</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>192</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>63</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>217</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>1,726</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>2,290</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Hyde Park does not have an adoption unit.

<sup>(2)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.



**TABLE A10. Census 2010: Children Less Than 18 Years Old Residing in the 13 Largest Cities in Massachusetts<sup>1</sup>**

	Massachusetts						New				Fall			
Race	Total	Boston	Worcester	Springfield	Lowell	Cambridge	Bedford	Brockton	Quincy	Lynn	River	Newton	Lawrence	Somerville
White	74%	34%	56%	38%	48%	50%	64%	32%	56%	44%	77%	76%	37%	58%
Black	8%	37%	16%	25%	9%	24%	8%	39%	7%	16%	6%	3%	7%	12%
Asian	6%	7%	7%	3%	24%	11%	1%	2%	30%	8%	4%	14%	2%	8%
Native American	*	1%	1%	1%	*	*	1%	*	*	1%	*	*	1%	1%
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Multi-Racial	5%	7%	8%	8%	7%	11%	10%	11%	5%	9%	7%	6%	7%	8%
Other/Unknown	7%	14%	12%	25%	11%	4%	15%	15%	2%	22%	6%	2%	44%	13%
<b>TOTAL %</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>TOTAL #</b>	1,418,923	103,710	39,942	41,328	25,260	12,028	22,063	24,127	15,303	22,484	19,069	18,416	22,182	9,134
<b>Hispanic Origin<sup>2</sup></b>														
<b>Yes</b>	15%	30%	34%	55%	27%	12%	28%	14%	5%	45%	15%	5%	84%	22%

NOTES: Order of cities in table is based on the total population of adults and children. The summation of relative percentages may not equal to 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>1</sup>Selection of cities was based on total population (adults and children).

<sup>2</sup>Children of any race who are Hispanic.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American FactFinder (factfinder2.census.gov), Decennial Census, Census 2010 Summary File 1 (SF 1) 100% Data, Tables (P-12, P12A-H), Sex by Age